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From left, John Farrell, Eric Geffken, Tommy McQuillan and Jake Mattison were among the students at Wood Hill Middle School who literally sang the blues about the salt levels in Fish Brook, a waterway that leads into the town's drinking water. Talking about Fish Brook's status will be part of a town forum on April 7. See story, page 6.

Polluted water gives kids the blues

By Andrea Gregory

"I've got the muddy water, quickly flowing, pollutant-loaded, Fish Brook blues," sang eighth-graders Kathryn Blandford and Shannon Muscatello in front of 100 or so of their peers.

The duo's song titled *The Ever-changing Fish Brook Blues* was the first of about 25

performed in the Wood Hill Middle School auditorium. The concert highlighted salt problems in the town's water supply and efforts to identify and work to solve the problem.

Since September, about 100 of the eighth-graders at Wood Hill have been collecting samples from Fish Brook and run-

ning tests on the water. Their findings will be included in a report that Andover will submit to the state. The town does have a task force also doing similar work, but the portion of the brook near the school is up to the students to study.

"We are using equipment and testing procedures that

would be standard in the field. We are doing the real thing," said Jane Anthony, a science teacher at the school.

Anthony said that the study students are conducting is more exciting than any experiments that could be pulled from a text book. The outcome is also

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Seniors get selectmen's vote

No support from Vispoli, Major, who again pitch community center

By Andrea Gregory

A handful of seniors held homemade signs saying, "We gave you our vote, now give us yours." By a vote of 3-2, selectmen did just that last Wednesday night, recommending approval of spending \$7.6 million to build a new senior center.

Selectmen John Hess, Mary Lyman and Ted Teichert voted to recommend approval of the multi-million dollar Town Meeting warrant article needed to see this project through. Selectmen Chairman Brian Major and Selectman Alex Vispoli

said the article should fail.

Ultimately, the decision, and the future of the center, will be up to Town Meeting voters.

Supporters hope to build a new, 28,100 square-foot senior center next to Doherty Middle School. Town Meeting voters will

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From left, Chris Nolan and Rosalie Licido smile for a photo during craft time in the Senior Connections Program at the Andover Senior Center. Some Andover seniors are pushing for a larger senior center, and April Town Meeting will vote on the issue.

SHAPING THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

4 finalists, 2 principals

Doherty, Wood Hill near decisions

By Rita Savard

The deluge of hopefuls looking to become the next principals of Doherty and Wood Hill middle schools has now been narrowed down to four finalists. And two are already employed in Andover Public Schools.

Assistant Principal Bruce Maki of Doherty Middle, and Assistant Principal Patrick Bucco of Wood Hill Middle, are seeking to carry on the work of their predecessors, principals Floyd McManus and Norah McCarthy, who both retire in June.

Elizabeth Raucci, principal of the Groton Dunstable Middle School, is also seeking the principalship at Wood Hill. Joellen Scannell, principal at the Duxbury Middle School, was chosen as a finalist by administrator search teams at both schools.

With the help of the search teams, composed of parents and teachers representing each school, the new middle school principals will be officially determined in another two weeks, according to Rebecca Martinez, Human Resources assistant.

Over the next two weeks, said Martinez, Superintendent Claudia Bach will interview each finalist one more time, and the search teams will conduct site visits to see how each candidate performs in his or her current work environment.

"In the beginning, I thought we'd have so many candidates to choose from," said Florence

Black, member of the Doherty Middle search team and president of the school's Parent Advisory Council. "But in the end, I was taken aback with how severely few candidates were left. Right away some people seem to fit, yet others will seem like a huge leap of faith."

The superintendent makes the final call to elect a new principal to his or her post.

Maki, who began his career in Andover Public Schools as a housemaster at Doherty in 1988, took over the acting assistant principal position in 1989, and subsequently, the role of assistant principal. He has been an educator since 1970. Maki received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his education master's in counseling from Salem State College. He has also completed post-graduate work at Boston College, University of Massachusetts and Salem State.

"I haven't wanted to be anywhere else for the last 17 years," explained Maki, about seeking the head administrator position at Doherty. "Doherty means a lot to me. I believe I'm in a position to keep the school going in the positive direction it has been in for a number of years to come."

Maki's competition, Joellen Scannell, who was also chosen by Wood Hill Middle as a finalist, started her teaching career in the Weymouth and Lowell public school districts. From 1971 to 1993, Scannell taught various grades and subjects, including

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Police: Lies, guns, drugs lead to arrest

By Andrea Gregory

An Andover mother of two allegedly cooked up a story to conceal that she had stolen two guns from her boyfriend and exchanged them for heroin in Lawrence.

Nicole Roberge, 25, of 266 North Main St., was arrested and charged with larceny of a firearm and reporting a false crime after she broke down and told the truth to Andover detectives on Friday, said police.

Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo said police were skeptical of her story when she told it to them the night before her arrest.

Roberge had called 911 last Thursday night and told police she had just been robbed at gun-

point. According to the police report, she described the gunman as 5'5", 160 pounds and Hispanic, with salt and pepper hair.

Here is what Roberge originally claimed happened, according to Pattullo:

Roberge said she was giving her children a bath when there was a knock at her door. A man told her his car had broken down. He also had a picture of one of her children getting off the school bus. "He said 'Give me your money.' She said 'I don't have any money.' And he said 'You know why I'm here. Take me to the safe,'" said Pattullo, recalling Roberge's version.

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Casino Night folds;
parents say
they've reached
breaking point

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LEADING UP TO TOWN MEETING

Budget disagreement leaves official in tears

By Dorian Block

The rift between the town and school sides of the budget process became personal last Wednesday night, when School Business Administrator Bernard Tuttle accused Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden of questioning his integrity, leaving Marden in tears.

At the end of a meeting between selectmen, the Finance Committee and the School Committee, Tuttle left town officials with dropped jaws and widened eyes.

"I have to get something off my chest ... I have the impression this year that my integrity is being questioned more than in my nine other years here," Tuttle said.

He said Finance Committee members have questioned his budget in an "insulting" manner and that Marden has questioned his work to town officials behind his back. He said Marden accused him of "padding the budget," specifically in the guidance department.

"If it's what you need to trust the numbers, I'll go through all 800 or 900 positions," Tuttle said of the budget he prepares.

Throughout the budget process this year, Tuttle has shown how he moves money between funds to balance his budget. For example, earlier this week Tuttle demonstrated how he took money left over from other budget lines to create more than \$300,000 to pay for salary increases this year.

Marden responded by first apologizing and then defending her actions.

"I'm very sorry if you have that impression," Marden said of questioning Tuttle's integrity. "I thought there was more money

there than was submitted to the town manager and I was right."

Finance Committee member Tim Felter and other Finance Committee members said that Marden had always "spoken very highly of (Tuttle)."

School Committee member Arthur Barber came to Tuttle's side, quoting some of the "insulting" comments from Monday night's meeting about the budget. He said Tuttle goes "beyond the call of duty" on many occasions for town.

Tuttle returned from retirement this year to work part-time for the town, at more than part-time hours, because they could not find an adequate replacement.

When Marden and Tuttle were done speaking, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major refused to open the meeting to comments from the audience and ended the meeting.

"I almost wish we could close this up with a group hug," he said.

Marden walked out and returned 15 minutes later for the joint Finance Committee and Selectmen meeting, recovering from tears.

This breakdown came just as the town and school sides had agreed to work together to

Town Meeting begins April 25

Make hearing-service requests by April 8

The Annual Town Meeting will be held in Andover on April 25, 26 at the Andover High School Field House and if needed, May 2, 3 at the Collins Center at Andover High School on Shawshen Road. The meetings will start at 7 p.m. each night.

A shuttle bus will run from the parking lot on Red Spring Road and will make a loop through the West Middle School parking lot. Shuttle service will start at 6:15 p.m. and end at 11 p.m.

Upon request, sign-language interpreters, material on tape, and other auxiliary aids and services will be provided to ensure effective communications as specified in the American with Disabilities Act. Arrangements must

be made by contacting Candace Hall, the town's ADA coordinator, at Town Offices by Wednesday, April 8 at 978-623-8530.

All registered voters that attend Town Meeting will need to be checked into the meeting in the lobby of Andover High School on April 25 and 26 and the lobby of the Collins Center on May 2 and 3. They may also visit the town Web site at www.andoverma.gov and do a precinct search under Town Clerk/"Precinct Search". The town recommends that residents check their precinct numbers before going to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.

from running for town office. Last week's town election was uncontested.

Christ Church

Bottiger named first head of school at Esperanza

Esperanza Academy Board of Directors has announced that Laurie Bottiger has been named the founding head of school for Esperanza Academy, School of Hope, in Lawrence.

The free, private middle-school education is a partnership of Christ Church in Andover and Grace Church in Lawrence.

Bottiger brings 16 years of experience as a teacher and administrator in public and private schools, in both suburban and inner city settings. "Laurie's high energy and enthusiasm will be indispensable as she begins her journey towards the development of the new school," said Katy Keys, the school board vice president.

The Esperanza Academy, School of Hope is a tuition-free private school that will serve fifth through eighth grade girls from Lawrence using the Nativity education model, which focuses on providing quality education in low-income urban areas "to break the cycle of poverty through education." The curriculum and philosophy of Nativity model schools provide educational opportunities

for urban middle school children who demonstrate a desire to learn and who qualify for the hot meals program.

Bottiger presently heads the middle school division at St. Paul's Episcopal Day School in Kansas City, Missouri and will start her work at Esperanza this summer. Her colleagues describe her as a compassionate scholar practitioner with a passion for education.

Daniel Velez Rivera, president of the board, said, "What a blessing to the girls of Lawrence, their families, the community, the Esperanza board, and every person who will be touched by Laurie's spirit and life mission." Bottiger anticipates leading the way with a bright vision for the girls of Lawrence.

The board of directors expects to complete negotiation for the school site by April 2005 and anticipates opening the school in September of 2006.

For more information on Esperanza Academy, contact Daniel Velez Rivera at dvr@bu.edu or Katy Keys at ekkeys@msn.com.

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The top photo shows an old street scene on Essex Street below the railroad tracks. One of the Smith and Dove buildings, now Dundee Park, is visible on the left. The house pictured in the top photo is no longer there, but the driveway that leads to the barn still is. The fire hydrant and smokestack in the background were used to find the same approximate location for the bottom photo, taken this week.

See the stars: From Merrimack to Mars

Free stargazing is available every Wednesday night at the Mendel Observatory at Merrimack College. The observatory, located in the Mendel Science Center on the Merrimack campus, is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers from the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club and houses two telescopes and a number of electronic imaging systems.

April health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, April 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, April 25 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20 and 27. No appointment is necessary.

Zero Waste Day - Spring cleaning with a cause

The Andover Recycling Committee is calling it "Zero Waste Day" - a day for residents to donate reusable items.

On Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Brickstone Square parking lot, area residents will be able to donate clothing, small household items, all kinds and types of books, CDs, DVDs, bikes without heavy rust, and linens, sheets and towels in any condition. All these items will be collected by or for local non-profit organiza-

tions that will reuse them, including Lazarus House, Saint Vincent de Paul, Andover Historical Society, Bikes Not Bombs, and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, among others. "This is a good opportunity to clean out closets without adding to the town's trash problem," according to committee Chairwoman Candy Dann.

Volunteers are also needed, so anyone interested should contact Dann at 978-470-2797.

Giving music

The Andover Chamber Music Series is beginning an instrumental program at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club where, it says, "under-served school children have very little access to music because of cutbacks in the arts." ACMS will bring music to the youth through a newly formed chorus and classes in piano, guitar and percussion.

However, ACMS could use residents' help. It is looking for five 61-key electric keyboards and 10 nylon-string guitars. Residents who have such instruments in their homes that they are not using and would be willing to donate are asked to let ACMS know as soon as possible by contacting ACMS co-founder Julia Scolnik at Julia@andoverchambermusic.org.

Make that lawn Fenway green

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is hosting a workshop on Healthy Lawns & Landscapes and a vendor fair at Andover West Parish Church on Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The LWV Healthy Lawns & Landscapes Workshop will feature Ann McGovern, Consumer Waste Reduction Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, who will share simple techniques for beautiful and healthy landscapes that can be used in everyone's yard. Other specialists who will be available to answer questions include Kevin Berube of Totally Organic Lawn and Garden, David L. Knodel of Leahy Organic Lawn Care, Adaela McLaughlin of Peaceful Valley Gardens, Michael Murray of Organic Soil Solutions, and Rita Wollm of The Herb Farmacy. Materials will be provided at the workshop for volunteers who wish to promote sustainable landscaping in their neighborhoods.

Democrats gather

The Andover Democratic Town Committee will meet Monday, April 4 at Marland Place on Stevens Street. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. All registered Democrats are encouraged and invited to attend. Call Nancy O'Connor Stolberg at 978-470-2784 for more information.

Quote, unquote . . .

DRIVERS BEWARE. It's not a good day to be speeding.

- Andover Police Lt. Arthur Ricci, about April 4, when there will be additional officers on the street specifically to watch for traffic violators thanks to a state grant. (Story, page 8)

I'VE GOT THE MUDDY WATER, quickly flowing, pollutant-loaded, Fish Brook blues.

- Kathryn Blanford and Shannon Muscatello, eighth-grade Wood Hill Middle School students, performing a blues song about salt problems in the town's water supply. Students are involved in efforts to identify and work to solve the water problem. (Story, page 1)

News Calendar

Thursday, March 31

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, Assessors Conference Room, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 5

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Council on Aging & Senior Center Task Force, Joint Meeting, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., 6 p.m.

Senior Center Task Force, Andover High School Media Center, regular meeting at 6 p.m.; town meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

School Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, The Hall, third

floor, 7 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Coalition Bioterrorism, Town Offices, third floor, 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 9

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, The Hall, third floor, 9 a.m.

School Committee, Memorial Hall Library, The Hall, 10 a.m.

Monday, April 11

Board of Health, Town Offices, Assessors Conference Room, 9 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library-Activity Room, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Animal Hospital hosts rabies clinic

The fifth-annual statewide rabies vaccination day is planned for April 2. The Andover Animal Hospital will conduct the rabies clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 2 at the West Middle School on Shawsheen Road from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The cost of the vaccination will be \$10 per animal and all animals should be leashed or restrained.

Rabies vaccinations will be good for three years if residents bring a current rabies certificate proving their pet has been immunized within the past year.

Otherwise, the vaccination will be good for only one year.

State law requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age and must be three months before they can be vaccinated.

All dogs must be licensed annually in accordance with state and local statutes. Residents who have not yet licensed their dogs for 2005, should contact the town clerk's office for further information at 978-623-8257.



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Two new principals to be selected



Bruce Maki, the assistant principal of Doherty Middle School since 1989, is one of the finalists to replace his boss, Floyd McManus, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

■ PRINCIPAL SEARCH

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grade 7 and 8 science. She also taught and developed a gifted and talented program for grades 4 to 6. In 1993, she accepted the position of assistant principal of Duxbury Junior/Senior High School, and in 1997, became the principal of the Duxbury Middle School. Scannell received a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from the University of Massachusetts, and earned her master's in education administration from Cambridge College.

"Andover Public Schools have such a wonderful reputation," Scannell said. "I love working with middle school kids and would welcome the opportunity to work with such

a wonderful community."

Scannell said she was "extremely flattered" to be chosen in the final draw by two schools with such unique personalities.

"I enjoyed talking with both teams very much," she said.

Patrick Bucco has been the assistant principal at Wood Hill since 2002, and hopes to uphold the school's "great initiatives" as its next principal.

Bucco began his education career in Newburyport Public Schools in 1994, teaching grades 5 and 6. He joined the administrative ranks in 2000, when he took over the assistant principalship at the Bresnahan School in Newburyport.

Bucco earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Hartwick College in

Oneonta, N.Y., received his teaching certificate from Salem State College and his master's in education from Lesley College.

"Wood Hill has a great community and I want to continue to see that community grow and become stronger," Bucco said. "It's been three years and Norah McCarthy has been an amazing principal. I've learned so much from her. I see myself as someone with the same priority – the students – and I want that to continue."

Elizabeth Raucci, principal at Groton/Dunstable Middle School, completes the list of finalists for Wood Hill Middle.

Raucci began her career in education in 1980, teaching health, social studies and physical education at Essex Agri-

cultural High School. She became the assistant principal at Groton-Dunstable Middle School in 1997, later advancing to the position of principal. Raucci earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from the University of Massachusetts, and earned her master's in education administration from Cambridge College.

"I love the staff at Wood Hill and felt that we had made a pretty strong connection," Raucci said. "I just moved this middle school (Groton) through a building process, so I could really relate to what Wood Hill has accomplished. The opportunity to grow in Andover is evident and Wood Hill is a great selection."

Finalist Q & A

The *Townsmen* asked the middle-school principal finalists several questions. Answers to two questions appear below. More Q&A will be published next week. The two questions:

Q1. What results should we expect for all middle grade students?

Q2. If you were asked to cut a significant amount from the school budget, what is something that you wouldn't be able to live without and what would you let go?

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL FINALIST BRUCE MAKI, CURRENT ASST. PRINCIPAL

A1. "We should see students who, at the end of their three years, are prepared to be successful at the high school level. During their middle school years, students should feel that they are active participants in their education. They should be learning not only the academics but also be learning about themselves as individuals."

A2. "The core of a middle school is the academic teams. If you don't have the core academic teams functioning as teams, then you really don't have a middle school. Before deciding to let anything go, I'd have to work with parents and the school council to be able to make the best decisions we can, given what we are asked to do."

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WOOD HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL FINALIST JOELLEN SCANNELL, PRINCIPAL AT DUXBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL

A1. "We should expect academic rigor for all and we should expect that kids are engaged in their work."

A2. "I couldn't live without good teachers. Teachers are the magic. Letting anything go is not something I would ever want to do. I believe you need all of it, but in Duxbury, we have had to look at our budget and make a commitment to maintaining teachers. We did have to trim from some programs and raise fees, which is a very hard thing to do."

WOOD HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL FINALIST PATRICK BUCCO, CURRENT ASST. PRINCIPAL

A1. "There are academic standards that you want all students to meet. But we want them to go beyond those standards by providing them with the opportunities to take responsibility for their own learning. It's important for the students to understand what the purpose of their learning is for and how it's going to bring value to their lives. It's not just preparing them for high school, but preparing them for life."

A2. "Maintaining the middle school concept is very important. To continue cutting, we would lose that concept and that would be a shame. But if cuts needed to be made, I wouldn't be the only one making the decision. Wood Hill is a community and it's important to get input from other people. It all comes back to what do we value as a school. You just try to look at what will have the least impact on the students and somehow make up these (lost) areas through other programs."

WOOD HILL FINALIST ELIZABETH RAUCCI PRINCIPAL AT GROTON/DUNSTABLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A1. "Andover already has strong district expectations to maintain the cutting edge of education. Organizing a school to help children get there is critical to its success."

A2. "It's important to maintain the integrity of the school's goals through a bad financial period. When you put together a school council, it's a collaborative part of the school community. When the council puts a lot of time in putting together a school improvement plan the goals are significant. It's often a budget that drives those goals. There are many creative ways to support a school. You can still achieve academic improvement even through a very bad financial time if the focus remains on children, teaching and learning."

Town keeps attention on Fish Brook

Salt levels in brook a focus of public health lecture during public health week

By Judy Wakefield

The snow salt deliveries have subsided as spring is in the air. But that doesn't mean Health Director Everett Penney has stopped his quest to move or better control the state-run salt shed in Andover.

The salt shed, located at the intersection of Interstates 93 and 495 in West Andover, has been found to leak salt into nearby Fish Brook, which feeds into Andover's water supply.

"That is a distribution site and there are truckloads from all over, including Tewksbury, Amesbury and Salisbury using it," Penney said of the salt shed. "It's time for a citizen update and that's what I will be doing."

That update will happen next Thursday, April 7, during a week-long lecture series on various health topics hosted by the town at Town Offices. Penney speaks about the Fish Brook Initiative from 10 to 11 a.m. in the second-floor conference room.

He will also discuss his \$20,000 request on the upcoming town warrant. He needs that money to pay for a study of the five-mile Fish Brook that passes by the salt shed.

"That money will help to determine if we can declare the area a reduced salt area," he said.

Such a declaration would mean the state would have to cut back on how much salt is stored there.

But next week's lecture series is not only about salt. Getting out information on diabetes is also a heavy focus.

Joanne Martel, a registered nurse in the town health department, said Andover is following a national trend, with more people being diagnosed with diabetes.

"The incidence of diabetes is rising for everybody, adults and kids, and it's a hot topic in public health departments," said Martel.

While Andover does not track diabetes cases, and there is no figure available totaling the number of residents

Drinking the blues

■ BLUES WATER

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unknown, and their results could make a difference, she said.

The next step will be to analyze the data and share the students' findings with the community. Anthony said preliminary results have shown there have been more than two times the normal amount of salt in the water based on some of the student-collected samples.

"They are working so hard. They are doing such a great job," said Anthony. "They are making a real contribution to the town."

While the kids might be contributing to the town, they are also learning a lot in many different areas, not just science, said English teacher Joan Zenofsky. She calls the Fish Brook study an "expeditionary learning" adventure for the students. She said it has been incorporated into all of the students' subjects. In her English class, they wrote the songs. In math, they will work on charting and graphing their results. Going public with the information will let them practice their communication and public speaking skills.

"Hopefully we'll be able to find out what ails Fish Brook," said eighth-grade student Erik Geffken. "We have discovered that the water has a lot of salt and chloride and is a little polluted."

"Having more salt in the water leads me to believe it's the (nearby) salt shed," said his classmate Tommy

McQuillan.

McQuillan said creating a low-salt zone is something the government should consider. But whatever actions Andover itself considers, it should expect to hear from a number of these young scientists.

Geffken, McQuillan and their friend John Farrell worked on their blues song together and plan to take their results to the public. They have talked about making a presentation to Town Meeting, the three said. They are also considering getting in touch with Andover Village Improvement Society and Massachusetts Highway Department.

They said they are not worried about people disregarding their ideas and findings based on their young ages. They said they know the work they are producing is solid and should be taken seriously. If anything, how young they are should draw even more attention to the issue, they believe.

"We're confident because if eighth-graders and teenagers are getting involved, it must be serious," said McQuillan.

They said they are all fans of the blues and enjoyed putting the problems to music.

"One morning in school, I opened my book. Learned about salt in our little Fish Brook," sang the trio huddled around a microphone. "If you haven't noticed, I'll give you the news. The eighth grade has got the Fish Brook blues."

with diabetes, she said local school nurses have reported a growing number of students with diabetes. As a result, Martel selected diabetes as a focus of next week's lecture series. Reading materials will be on display at an information table that will be set up on the second floor of Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., from April 4 to 8. All lectures and video screenings can be seen in the second floor conference room.

Visitors are encouraged to check out

the pamphlets and to take in a lecture.

Here's the program schedule:

Tuesday, April 5

Diabetes information program from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free glucose screenings between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; presentation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. by Brendan Reen of the Neighborhood Diabetes Shoppe about insurance, glucose meters and other diabetic supplies; 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., lecture on managing diabetic medication; 12:30-2 p.m., Nancy Masys, R.N., of Lawrence General Hospital talks about diabetes prevention and control.

Wednesday, April 6

Adult immunization clinic, 9:30 a.m. to noon, free and no appointment necessary for tetanus booster or pneumonia vaccine; Hepatitis A and B vaccines also available but by appointment and for a cost, call the Andover Health Department at 978-623-8295.

An adult blood pressure and wellness clinic, from 2 to 3 p.m., is at the Andover Senior Center.

Thursday, April 7

Four public health lectures, between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.:

Fish Brook Initiative, 10 to 11 a.m., with Public Health Director Everett Penney discussing the five-mile stream (Fish Brook) that passes by the state-run salt shed at the junction of Interstates 495 and 93. The brook has been found to contain high levels of salt and the stream feeds into Andover's drinking-water supply.

Public health overview, 11 to 11:30 a.m., with Penney talking about the role of the health department in town.

Healthy lawns, gardens, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with Joyce Ringle, a longtime pesticide control advocate in town, who will talk about the use of pesticides on lawns and fields.

Video presentation on healthy lawns, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., two half-hour videos sponsored by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

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After supporting design money, Vispoli against construction cash

SENIOR CENTER

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have to approve the construction money, followed by voters at a special election.

Major has remained consistent in his opposition to building a new senior center with town money. Vispoli's vote was uncertain until he said he also is against funding the project.

Senior Center Task Force Chairman Don Robb said he believed both Hess and Vispoli were swing votes. He said he was happy one of them supported the project, which was enough to give it the selectmen's endorsement heading into Town Meeting.

The vote by Vispoli appeared to represent a change to some senior center supporters. A year ago, Vispoli seemed to give some verbal support to a new senior-center project while he was campaigning for office. At last year's Town Meeting, Vispoli also voted in favor of spending the design money for the senior center project.

"What I would endorse is a vote for the entire amount (design and construction costs)," Vispoli said last year, while campaigning. "I do support the concept of an expanded/new senior center."

At the time, Vispoli said approving design work money before construction money is approved could be risky. He mentioned the history of Will Hall, a previously proposed site

"I think we have an ideal community center if we look at (the proposed senior and youth centers) as having a community center on two different sites."

**DON ROBB,
CHAIRMAN,
SENIOR CENTER TASK FORCE**

for a new senior center, where design money was spent, but construction cost remained out of reach.

"I think it's best to package everything together," he had said. "This way you have one vote, and the whole thing is approved, and you can go forward."

But Vispoli now believes the town should not spend any more money on the proposed senior center.

This week, Vispoli defended his vote from last Wednesday to recommend disapproval of the construction money. He said he has supported a community center all along and was forward and honest about his position while on the campaign trail. He said he does not feel like he flipped on the issue.

"I did talk about a community center," he said. "I still think a community center is the way to go."

Major is also a proponent of a community center. According to Major, using town money for such a large project should benefit a large percentage of the population.

However, a community center is not a choice before residents at this time.

Robb said it is a little late in the game to be considering a community center. Both seniors and youth have gone off in different directions and both groups have been working for years to get to the stages they are at now. Scratching everything to work on a community center would be a major step back, said Robb.

"We are way beyond that point," said Robb. "It would be very frustrating."

Robb also points out that both the youth and senior centers would be open to having other groups use the spaces. He said one way to look at both projects is as a community center with two locations – one downtown and the other in west Andover.

"I think we have an ideal community center if we look at it as having a community center on two different sites," said Robb.

Major and Vispoli both say there is a need for more space at the senior center, but that does not change their opinions on the course of action the town should take.



Ed Alessi and Barbara Cummings cook Chicken Angelo, with pasta, vegetables and a salad in the Creative Cooking lunch group that meets once a month at the Andover Senior Center. Supporters say more programs could be offered or given a permanent place in a new center.

Cooking up support?

Senior Center Now group pushing for new, \$7.6M center

By Andrea Gregory

In less than a month, Town Meeting will vote on a \$7.6 million warrant article to build a new senior center.

Seniors taking exercise classes would no longer have to worry about slow eaters cutting into their workout time. Right now, both exercisers and diners use the cafeteria, with only a half hour leeway to transform the room. Some activities are a tighter squeeze, with their claims to the same space running back to back. A number of activities are held offsite because there is not enough room, Urquhart said. The new center will have a dozen rooms, allowing a number of activities to have permanent homes.

"We are really trying to address all the needs that have been identified," Urquhart said. "We are always setting up and taking down."

Urquhart said a larger center would allow people to participate in more activities. She also thinks seniors would spend more time at the center, strengthening their relationship with the community. According to Urquhart, it is too easy for seniors to become isolated and lonely. She anticipates the feel of the new center will be similar to a "college campus" where friendships are formed and the lifestyle is energetic.

Urquhart knows the public is divided on whether to build a new center. The selectmen were also divided on the issue last Wednesday when the voted 3-2 to recommend approval of the multi-million-dollar warrant article (see related story, page 1).

"It's nice to have one of the town boards" backing the project, said Senior Center Task Force Chairman Don Robb. "We would have liked to have a larger majority. It was touch and go for awhile."

For almost a decade, a group of volunteers has been working to see a new senior center come to Andover. The group was appointed by selectmen to do the leg work for this project. Robb, joined the Senior Center Task Force Chairman three years ago. This year, he said, is the year the group must come to terms with how valuable and substantial their efforts have been.

"I'm optimistic. If you can make a convincing

case, the town is usually supportive of that," said Robb.

Robb said he has heard the arguments against going forward with construction – some say there is not a need for more space or the town would be better with a community center or that the timing is not right financially.

"What people tend to forget is the current building is way too small," said Robb. "My feeling is that you don't want to build something now and find out later it's way too small."

To the other two popular arguments, he said people can always argue that it is not the right year for such a big project. The problem with that is, the project will never get done. People also need to remember, he said, a community center is not an option people can vote for this year.

Robb said he wants people to know the construction cost will not affect items in the operating budget. Since the funding is being proposed through an debt-exclusion override, residents will help to pay it off over the next 20 years. At its highest point, the project will cost taxpayers \$51 for the year. The other 19 years will cost less.

"It's not a lot of money. It really isn't," said Robb.

Kate Currie, treasurer of Senior Center Now, said helping to fund the construction is the equivalent of a dinner out, or a few drinks. She said she doesn't think it is too much to ask of residents.

"This is a time for the seniors," she said. "I think it's about time."

Senior Center Now is a group of residents campaigning for the project to pass at Town Meeting.

You may have seen little blue buttons pinned to people's winter coats. The dark blue buttons say senior center above a checked-off "yes" box. Currie said the simple message will be appearing soon on lawn signs and other places. "Basically, whatever it takes," she said.

Senior Center Now has already raised \$1,000 for the campaign.

Will it all pay off? Currie and others are keeping their fingers crossed.

"I am hugely in favor of it," she said. "I really hope they listen to what the task force has to say at Town Meeting."

RECYCLING TIPS

Too much for one bin? Use a barrel

By Carolyn Dann
Andover Recycling Committee
Chairwoman

Andover residents are doing a great job of recycling, and there is still a lot more to recycle! The town earns money for every ton of paper and cardboard recycled, in addition to saving money on the disposal cost for all recyclables.

If the blue recycling bins are overflowing, additional bins are available or barrels with one of the new stickers on them can also be used. The Department of Public Works (DPW) gives out free bins to residents. They are available at the Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant at 397 Lowell St. anytime. The sticker is a new item provided by a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection. Residents

can now use their own barrel for storage of bottles, cans and plastic. The stickers are also available inside the water-treatment plant. Stickers are the size of a bumper sticker and say "bottles and cans." Always use a blue bin with a barrel because the recycling truck driver needs to see a blue bin out to know to stop. DPW suggests that residents continue to use the blue bins for paper and cardboard.

Now that recyclable paper is valuable enough that the town is getting paid for it, more can be recycled. Clean out old files, get old magazines off the shelves, or use a shredder to recycle private papers. Yes, shredded paper can be recycled. The shredded pieces should ideally go into a paper bag stapled closed, or else into

a plastic bag tied closed, then placed in the bin. This is to prevent paper bits from blowing around.

The town also wants any cardboard that has not been in contact with food. It is very strong fiber and in demand for paper mills like the one in Haverhill. To fit into the recycling truck, it needs to be smaller than two square feet. Residents can cut it with a utility knife, kick a box apart with their heels, fold it or rip it into small pieces. Bundling it together with string or tape helps, but the bundles still need to be small enough to fit into the truck, and less than one foot high. Residents throwing paper into the trash, might be throwing away tax money. The town wants all the paper and cardboard it can get.

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BEYOND BOOKS

Library continues to change

By Andrea Gregory

Imagine walking out of the library with an armful of books, without stopping to check them out. But you are not stealing the books. You are using new technology, similar to the EZ passes used on highways to allow drivers to bypass tollbooth collectors.

The possibility and resources exist to have library cards work the same way as highway passes. Some libraries are already using it, said Jim Sutton, Memorial

Hall Library director.

There are no definite plans to install such a system in Andover, and there are some glitches he worked out, Sutton said. But the concept is not that far away.

In fact, integrating technology into the old-fashioned book world is something the library has attempted to do in recent years. As long as more efficient and better ways to serve people evolve, Sutton said he will consider which to

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Police: 'Drivers beware'

April 4 not a good day for speeding; extra officers on patrol

By Andrea Gregory

Expect to see a few more police cars cruising the streets of Andover starting April 4. And expect a ticket if you're driving swerves outside of the law.

Andover police will be looking for drivers who are speeding, or not stopping at stop signs, red lights, or crosswalks being used by pedestrians, or doing just about anything else they are not supposed to, said Lt. Arthur Ricci. For two weeks, there will be extra police officers on duty with a sole purpose — to catch traffic violators. Ricci said the additional officers on duty will not be answering calls or doing other work and their overtime costs will be covered through the Governor's Highway Safety Grant.

Andover receives a total of \$17,000 for participating in the road safety program. Part of the money pays for extra officers during six designated times throughout the year. The idea is to make Massachusetts roads safer and enforce safe-driving habits for people traveling throughout the community, said Ricci.

Andover is one of many towns receiving grant money. Ricci said it also will be one of several communities with additional officers on duty to perform extra traffic stops.

"Drivers beware," he said. "It's not a good day to be speeding."

Ricci said the Andover Police Department is expecting to issue about 100 more tickets than it normally would during this period.

In February, police issued 543 citations for traffic violations. There were also 83 accidents. Ricci said part of the mission is to cut down on the number of motor-vehicle accidents.

Police will primarily target the areas known for speeding and other road problems. Those streets include, but are not limited to Main, North Main and Haverhill streets and Dascomb and River roads.

Drivers should also be aware that there are some hefty fines attached to traffic violations. Speeding tickets start at \$100 for the first 10 miles over the speed limit, with an additional \$10-per-mph after that. The fine

doubles in a work or construction zone. Stop-sign and red-light violators also should be ready to shell out \$100 for their offenses.

"Fines are expensive nowadays," said Lt. Phillip Froburg.

Froburg said the most expensive speeding ticket issued in Andover that he can remember was for more than \$400. He said he hoped fines such as that will make people a little more cautious of their behavior on the roads.

Andover officers are known for taking the state's Click It or Ticket campaign seriously and are among the top producers when it comes to writing tickets.

Violators of the state seat-belt law are slapped with a \$25 fine each time they are pulled over and are not wearing their safety belts.

"You don't get warnings for seat-belt violations or car-seat violations," said Ricci.

In 2002, Andover police issued tickets to 1,436 motorists who were not wearing seat belts or who were not safely restraining their children.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, March 23 - At 1:53 a.m., James Holland, 34, of 18 Jackson St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery.

At 2:47 p.m., Anthony Powers, 26, of 22 William Road, Billerica, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance.

At 3:18 p.m., William Boyd, 23, 47 Elling Wood Ave., Billerica, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance.

Thursday, March 24 - At 1:45 p.m., David Dolfe, 46, of 22 Kimball St., Bradford, was arrested and charged with being a fugitive from justice. He had warrants for operating under the influence of liquor, driving without a license, speeding, driving with a suspended license, failure to yield and a marked lanes violation.

At 2:39 p.m., Ralphealito Dejesus, 20, of 313 Nesmouth St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Friday, March 25 - At 12:26 p.m., Nicole Roberge, 25, of 266 North Main St. was arrested and charged with reporting a false crime and larceny of a firearm.

At 3:11 p.m., Howard Outlet, 38, of 461 Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 11:35 p.m., Meagan Alves, 18, of 23 McKenney Circle, was arrested and charged with trespassing and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Saturday, March 26 - At 12:02 a.m., Sean Murry, 20, of 199 Main

St., West Newbury, was arrested and charged with trespassing and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

At 1:49 p.m., Marcus Rosario, 50, of 50 Camden St., Methuen, was arrested and charged on warrants sought by the Andover Police Department for distribution of a class A substance and two counts of receiving stolen property.

Sunday, March 27 - At 5:42 p.m., Anthony Souza Jr., 25, of 4 Elmwood St., Amesbury, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance. It was a subsequent offense.

At 8:43 p.m., Miguel Antonio Rivera, 27, of 258 Chatham West Drive, Brocton, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute.

At 9:14 p.m., Saul Rodriguez, 26, of 4549 Washington St., Roslin-

dale, was arrested but he gave police a fake name. He was booked under the name Jaime Basco, 25, of 4549 Washington St., Roslindale. Sgt. Don Pattullo said he had a real Massachusetts ID with the fake name and his picture at the time of his arrest. Police did not find out his true identity until the FBI told them his fingerprints belonged to a man with a different name. By that time he was released, but police arrested him again the following day. On Sunday (the first arrest), he was charged with assault and battery on a police officer, assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute and possession of class B.

Monday, March 28 - At 12:13 a.m., Matthew Itzkowitz, 28, of 16 Rattlesnake Hill Road, was arrested and charged with his second offense for operating under the influence of

liquor and a marked lanes violation.

At 3:58 p.m., Christopher Doherty, 42, of 35 Ridgewood Circle, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license and failure to keep right for an oncoming vehicle.

At 5:15 p.m., Saul Rodriguez, 26, of 4549 Washington St., Roslindale, was arrested and charged with giving a false name during booking, a subsequent offense for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and having an uninsured and unregistered motor vehicle. He also had warrants for assault and battery on a public official, two counts of cocaine trafficking, conspiracy to violate drug laws, possession of a class B substance, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding and a marked lanes violation.

COMPILED BY ANDREA GREGORY

Police didn't buy sale's cover story

■ ALLEGED GUNS-FOR-HEROIN SWAP

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sion of a conversation police would later find out never had taken place.

According to Pattullo, Roberge said that the following then happened:

She led the armed gunman to a safe in the house where her boyfriend, a security officer, kept guns he is licensed to own. Roberge watched as the stranger pulled out a stethoscope and held it up to the safe. The door opened. He supposedly snatched the two weapons and told her to wait five or 10 minutes before calling the police.

Det. William Wallace had been listening to her story, but when she introduced the stethoscope a red flag went up, said Pattullo.

"That's not even done on TV anymore," said Pattullo about how the intruder was said to have opened the safe.

The following day, Friday, Roberge came back into the station and met with Detectives Wallace and Charles Heseltine. They told her she had an unrelated outstanding warrant out of Lowell, and they began to question her story.

"She decided she better tell the truth. She explained to the detectives she had a heroin problem. She said the only thing of value she had in the house was her boyfriend's guns," said Pattullo.

She had made everything up with the help of Marcus Rosario, an Andover taxi driver, said police. According to Pattullo, Rosario allegedly told her he knew where they could take the guns and trade them for heroin, and a deal was made.

Police arrested a man living at the house where the heroin came from, said Pattullo. There, police recovered pure heroin and money, but there was no trace of the guns, said Pattullo. One gun has since been located. Rosario was arrested on Saturday (see entry in log above).

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, a story entitled "As court ponders, AvalonBay buys" incorrectly stated that the 40B project in litigation is currently counted toward the town's affordable housing stock. It is not. The story ran on page 4 of the March 24 issue.

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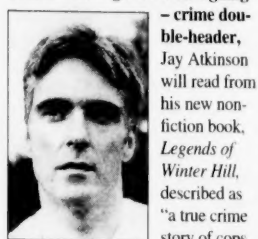
Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 31

"The Indulgence Drawing," Lucy Bernardin of Andover is training for her second 100-mile bike ride with Biking Towards a Cure to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. "The Indulgence Drawing" is her fundraiser for the event and offers chances to win various prizes, including a grand prize of "Dinner Out Once a Week for a Year," gift certificates, overnight stays and more. Prize drawings 7:15 p.m. as part of the introduction of the new spring watch and jewelry collections and a wine-tasting event, 5-8 p.m., tickets \$10, Royal Jewelers, 58 Main St.; 978-475-3330.

Author reading and book signing



Jay Atkinson

— crime double-header, Jay Atkinson will read from his new non-fiction book, *Legends of Winter Hill*, described as "a true crime story of cops, con men, and Joe McCain, the last real detective," and David Daniel will read from his new novel, *The Marble Kite*, about a Merrimack Valley private investigator; the two writers will discuss their craft and the differences between writing fiction and non-fiction crime stories, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.



David Daniel

"Prejudice, Racism, Anti-Semitism and the films of Mel Brooks," a discussion at Merrimack College led by Professor Padraic O'Hare, including a montage of clips from Brooks' films, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, Sacred Grounds Cafe, Collegiate

Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, 351 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5428 or visit www.merrimack.edu.

Friday, April 1

Get It Started, Andover High School Dance Club presents its sixth annual performance, featuring pieces ranging from jazz to Indian folk dance, all student-choreographed, 7:30 p.m., \$3 at the door, Collins Center; Kim Bergey 978-623-8655.

April Fool's story swap, fun, frivolity, and foolishness, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Andover High School Casino Night, EVENT CANCELLED, was to include dinner, dancing, silent auction, and raffles in addition to casino tables, to benefit the after-school clubs at the high school; Lisa McDonald 978-475-9397.

Essex Chamber Music Players of Northern Essex Community College, concert premiering three works, including two by regional composers Ray Loring of Georgetown and Daniel J. Kennedy of Beverly, and a third by Iowan Elaine Erikson, who will also perform her own piece; the concert will also include Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's *Trio in D minor, opus 49 arr. for Flute, Cello and Piano*, 7:30 p.m., \$10 general admission; \$5 for students (with student ID) and seniors; and \$25 for an entire family; in the library conference area at the Haverhill campus of Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliot St., Haverhill; Mike Finegold 978-556-3413 or www.necc.mass.edu.

SwingTown! concert, a vocal band composed of St. John's Prep School students and faculty, and featuring oldies and rock as well as a cappella standards, 7 p.m., Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall at St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers; Beth Forbes 978-774-6727, Ext. 328.

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Jeff Coffin, saxophonist with Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, conducted a music clinic for Andover's young musicians at the Collins Center at Andover High School.

Total immersion

AHS musicians take the plunge into a clinic where anything goes

By Rita Savard

WHEN BELA FLECK AND THE FLECKTONES SAXOPHONIST Jeff Coffin instructs a group of Andover High students about the basics of music, he imposes one rule that he takes very seriously: "There are no rules."

Coffin's mantra set the tone for a two-hour music clinic for young musicians at the Collins Center on Tuesday, where the playlist was "anything goes."

Having toured with the Flecktones for the past eight years, Coffin is known by fans and music critics alike for a versatile playing style that fuses everything from jazz, reggae and funk to rhythm and blues and New Orleans grooves.

But for AHS band director Joe Wright, the Grammy Award-winning artist is also a former band-camp buddy, and fellow performer in the Disney band.

"Music camp was an awakening for me," Wright said to his students. "It was there I met a bunch of kids who ate, drank and slept music. Jeff Coffin was one of those kids."

When Coffin is not touring with the Flecktones, or promoting his new album *Bloom* with the band Mutet, the performer who can play two saxophones simultaneously says one of his favorite pastimes is playing music with tomorrow's next big names — AHS students.

"The element of dance is something that's been missing from jazz for a long time," Coffin told the group of about 50 teenagers, seated with their instruments and listening intently. "When I hear music that moves me, my whole body reacts to it."

The prodigious saxophonist said musicians like drummer Doug Belote, who performs with Coffin in the band Mutet, bring that kind of "lift" or "motion" to sound.



Brian Hsieh (at left) plays with Jeff Coffin during the music clinic for Andover's young musicians at the Collins Center at Andover High School.

Providing some historical notes — and tapping out a few beats — Belote assisted Coffin in a tutoring session that trumpeted the sounds of Second Line music from New Orleans funerals by pulling students directly into the songs.

At a New Orleans funeral, said Belote, a procession of mourners led by a brass band is a common ritual.

"The band plays a slow, sad song and everybody marches to the graveyard," Belote said, drumming out a beat. Coffin and AHS band directors Wright and Jeff Buckridge accompanied the rhythm, chiming in with a saxophone, tuba and guitar.

After the casket is put into the ground, the procession turns into a "big party" that

builds in numbers as others join in the march to celebrate the deceased going off to a better place.

"The Second Line is literally the brass band and the people walking behind the family," adds Belote.

Belote, the band directors and Coffin kicked up the tempo in a swinging session that set toes tapping.

Coffin asked students to get out of their seats and start feeling the music.

"By taking just a few notes, you can make music," Coffin said, conducting a free-style orchestra composed of trumpets, drums, flutes, strings, trombones, French horns, a tuba and even some hand clapping.

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Dave Lippman will perform at the Coffeehouse on Locke Street on Saturday, April 2.

Coffeehouse serving up political satire and music

Dave Lippman, musician/performer and political satirist, will present a concert of original satirical songs and social commentary with the help of "the world's only singing CIA agent, George Shrub" on Saturday, April 2 at the Coffeehouse on Locke Street (6 Locke St.).

The program begins at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30.)

Admission is \$10 (suggested donation). The program is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, and co-sponsored by the Merrimack Valley People for Peace and Amnesty International Chapter 165.

Lippman has been performing political satire, social commentary and heart-rending songs since the 1960s in the tradition of Tom Lehrer and Woody Guthrie. A dedicated peacemaker, Lippman returns after traveling in Israel and Palestine. Last year he toured with Wheels for Justice after its peace mission to Iraq.

According to organizers, "An accomplished musician and brilliant social commentator, Dave has performed extensively in the United States and in Europe. If you want to know what's happening in the world, tune in to Dave Lippman."

For more information or reservations, call 978-475-4454; or send an e-mail to: office@uuandover.org.

Ralph Nader to speak at Phillips

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and Green Party presidential candidate, will speak at 7 p.m. Friday, April 22, in Cochran Chapel, 2 Chapel Ave., on the Phillips Academy campus. The event, free and open to the public, is made possible by the John M. Kemper Memorial Fund.

Honored by *Time* magazine as "One of the 100 Most Influential Americans of the Twentieth Century," Nader works to give ordinary people the tools they need to defend themselves against corporate negligence and government indifference, organizers said.

In 1965, he took on the auto industry with his book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*.

The Senate hearing into his accusations and the life-saving motor vehicle safety laws that resulted catapulted Nader into the public sphere. Working with lawmakers, he was instrumental in creating the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Working to empower the average American, Nader has formed numerous citizen groups, including the Center for Auto Safe-



Ralph Nader

ty, Public Citizen, the Pension Rights Center, the National Coalition for Universities in the Public Interest and the student Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs), which operate in more than 20 states.

In his latest citizen initiative, he is working with alumni classes, including his own at Princeton University and Harvard Law School, to expand their efforts to community projects that systemically advance social justice.

Nader organized the Green Party's first presidential campaign in 1996 to challenge what he calls the "duopoly" of the two-party system. His goal is to build the foundation of a third political party and a robust progressive political movement.

Among his best-selling books are *Winning the Insurance Game: Why Women Pay More*, *Getting the Best From Your Doctor* and *Crashing the Party: How to Tell the Truth and Still Run for President*.

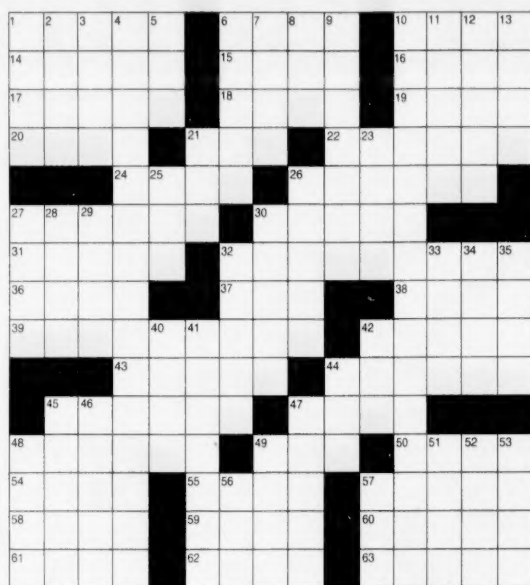
He also writes a weekly column, "In the Public Interest," which runs in newspapers around the United States.

For more information, call the Phillips Academy English department at 978-749-4185.

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6. Support
10. Call
14. Atmosphere layer
15. Not there
16. Absent
17. Tree trunk color
18. Stare
19. Deal with
20. Rice wine
21. Common fish
22. Puts alcohol in punch
24. Bobcat
26. Covered
27. Ocean mammals
30. Capital of Vietnam
31. Fertile area
32. Undemocratic
36. Legal claim
37. Deer relative
38. Insect in a cocoon
39. Staffs
42. Flatten
43. Yummy
44. Pulpits
45. Games
47. Former W. German capital
48. Not as fast
49. Fired up
50. Unconsciousness
54. El _____
55. Computer picture button



57. Risk
58. Always
59. Cliff
60. Japanese city
61. Office furniture
62. _____ Park, Roosevelt's home
63. Islands

CLUES DOWN

1. Lots
2. Jewish scribe
3. Removed
4. Lazy
5. Write
6. Herb

7. Swamp grass
8. Lode yield
9. Role
10. Love Boat
11. Got up
12. Goggled
13. Potato sprouts
21. Nervous system, abbr.
23. Penniless
25. Aye
26. Orders
27. Eat quickly
28. Call a cab
29. Aloft
30. Torn
32. What cheese does
33. Tints
34. Church part
35. Young girl
40. Peel
41. Flightless bird
42. Pot's pal
44. A very small circular shape
45. Serf
46. Models
47. Gorge
48. Rushed
49. Stow
51. Voiced
52. _____ Ditka
53. Alack's partner
56. Bowl
57. Luau dish

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Saturday, April 2

Spring Fling at the YMCA, 12th annual drug and chemical-free, fun-filled middle school event for all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade Andover students from Doherty, West, Wood Hill, St. Augustine, Pike and Montessori schools, sponsored by the Andover Society (who will act as chaperones) and the Andover/ North Andover YMCA, featuring Bungee Run, DJ, dancing, mat room, swimming, and door prizes, 8-10:30 p.m., \$10 per student includes pizza, soda, snacks and all activities; Adele Manty 978-475-4075.

Evening of conversation with Dr. Avi Leventhal, a board-certified surgeon in Israel who is clinically licensed in the US, and is completing a clinical fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, sponsored by the Southern Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah, members encouraged to bring a guest, 7 p.m., 6 Newman Hill Drive; reservations Joanne Jawitz 978-475-7091, or Amy Sebell 978-269-2236.

Singer, songwriter, and political satirist Dave Lippman has been known to take the air out of the windbags of the week, de-distort history, and rewrite the classics

with parody and thrust. Lippman and his alter ego George Shrub (the world's only known singing CIA agent) are sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, co-sponsored by the Merrimack Valley People for Peace and Amnesty International Chapter 165, 7:30 p.m. refreshments, 8 p.m. performance, \$10 suggested donation, at The Coffeehouse at Locke Street, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

Joey and Maria's Italian Wedding, the popular interactive dinner-theater production performs one night only to benefit Merrimack College's chapter of Best Buddies, an international nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of intellectually disabled individuals by providing one-to-one friendships, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), tickets \$45 each, Multipurpose Room, Sakowich Center, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5508.

Foreign film festival, The Closet, a French farce about an accountant who finds he is about to be laid off, is the first in a three-film series presented on consecutive weekends by Northern Essex Community College, 8 p.m., free and open to the public, 82 Amesbury St., Lawrence; Mark Palermo 978-5576-3000, Ext. 7463, or by e-mail at mpalermo@necc.edu, or neccfilmfest.tripod.com.

Book and author brunch, 10th annual AAUW Authors Brunch with three area authors in support of the American Association of University Women's fund to further graduate education for women, authors are Frank Schaeffer (*Keeping the Faith*, *Voices from the Front*, the Calvin Becker trilogy), Irish novelist Aine Greaney (*The Big House*), and fantasy writer John Theo (*The Grotto Under the Tree*), tickets \$20, 50 Four-Mile Road, Boxford; reservations 978-352-8931.

Craft fair, sponsored by the Dracut High School Band Boosters, featuring many crafters, some spaces still available, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dracut High School, 1540 Lakeview Ave., Dracut; 978-957-5287 or 978-459-8876.

SwingTown!, 7 p.m., see April 1 entry.

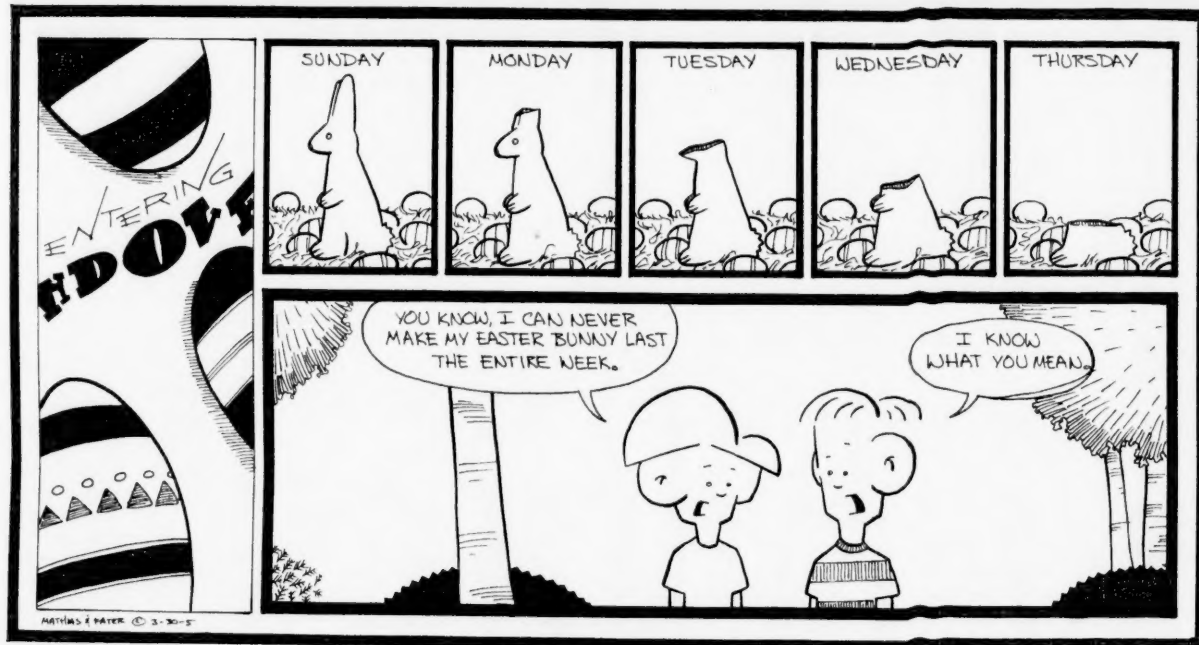
Sunday, April 3

Chinese brush calligraphy, Phillips Academy will host renowned calligrapher Qianshen Bai, associate professor of Asian art history at Boston University, who will lecture and lead a workshop on Chinese brush calligraphy, sponsored by Andover Chinese Cultural Outreach, lecture at 3 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium, 5 Chapel Ave., work-

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By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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shop 4 p.m. in the Underwood Room, lecture is free, workshop \$10 per person; reservations 978-749-4846.

Symphony by the Sea, spring concert led by Music Director Jonathan McPhee, featuring David Diamond's *Rounds for String Orchest-*

tra, Schumann's *Cello Concerto*, Haydn's *Symphony No. 7 ("Le Midi")*, and Ibert's *Divertissement*, 3 p.m., \$25, \$10 students (with student ID), Governor Dummer Academy, Byfield; tickets 978-745-4955 or www.symphonybythesea.org.

Essex Chamber Players, 2 p.m., see April 1 entry.

Clinic for AHS musicians

TOTAL IMMERSION

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All students had the chance to take a solo spot in a jam session that strayed away from the conventions of disciplined music.

"This was so much fun," said flute player and pianist Bethany Weber, 17, who is also a Flecktones fan. "He (Coffin) is so modest, and then you listen to him play and think, 'Wow, here is a world-class musician.' A lot of new music you listen to today has nothing to it, so guys like Jeff Coffin are real role models for younger musicians."

Coffin's enthusiasm and encouraging words were able to convince even some of the more timid students to "find their own voice within."

"Even if you don't know how to improvise, you can still improvise," Coffin said. "Think of it like having a conversation with someone you've never met. Don't be afraid to try new things."

Andi Zhou, a guest student from Doherty Middle, took Coffin's advice. The eighth-grader might not have had an instrument in tow, but he proved Coffin's theory by personalizing his own hand-clapping solo.

Jazz band director Buckridge said he doesn't get to spend much time working on improvisation with his students, as the band only meets once a week. Students in the jazz band have been warming up over the past few months to play the annual jazz night, along with the middle school jazz band and combos on April 21.

"I think this will have a long

term affect on the students more than anything," said Buckridge. "I hope it gives them inspiration to work hard at what they're doing."

For Coffin, the whole experience of working with aspiring musicians is about taking elements from music's roots and making something new, like his idol, Ornette Coleman.

A legendary saxophonist, composer and band leader, the self-taught Coleman was said to have been kicked out of his school band for blending swing and marching music.

"The different paths you choose to take in life will change how you express yourself in many ways, and it will change the way you play," Coffin told his pupils. "Give yourself the permission to try new things. And work on the things you think are your weaknesses so that you can turn them into strengths."



Jeff Coffin

Monday, April 4

"Taste of the World" food-tasting fundraiser, sample cuisine from around the planet, proceeds benefit Notre Dame Education Center, a private nonprofit dedicated to teaching English to adult immigrants, 7-9 p.m., tickets at the door \$30, or \$50 per couple, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; John Whiting-Grant 978-682-6441.

Tuesday, April 5

Poetry reading, Rhina Espaillat and Cesar Sanchez Beras, two award-winning local poets who were born in Dominican Republic, will read from their published poetry collections, noon-1:30 p.m., free and open to the public in the Atrium at the Lawrence campus of Northern Essex Community College, 45 Franklin St., Lawrence; Ernie Greenslade 978-556-3862.

Meeting and slide lecture, Andover Garden Club presents "Gardens in Time," a slide-illustrated lecture by Adriana O'Sullivan that shows the development of gardens from ancient Romans to Modernity, 10 a.m., \$5 for guest; no charge for members; West Parish Church, Rt. 133 and Reservation Road; 978-474-8973.

Wednesday, April 6

Author reading and book signing, Liz Poline will read from her debut collection of interlocking stories, *Mutual Life & Casualty*, 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Fifth annual Merrimack Valley Jewish Women's Community Intergenerational Passover Seder, for Jewish women, friends, sisters, mothers, and their daughters, eight years and older, 6 p.m., \$36 adult and \$18 per child aged 8-18, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road; Michelle Soll 978-688-0466.

Annual City of God lecture, Dr. Jane Merdinger presents "A Long Way to the City of God: Ecclesiastical Misbehavior in St. Augustine's North Africa," sponsored by the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy, 7 p.m., Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5217 or www.merrimack.edu.

Chamber Expo and Job Fair, "Spring into Business" at the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce business show and job fair, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Pat's Function Hall, River Street, Haverhill, exhibit space still available, membership discount for non-members exhibiting; Joe Wil 978-686-0900.

A TANGLED WEB



From left (front row), Rudhdi Karnik, playing Charlotte, and Brian Mason, playing Wilber the pig, are surrounded by some farm animals played by Jesse Crane, Sophie Shimer, Margaret Christoforo, Derek Monson and Julie Zavri of the Doherty Middle School Drama Club, as they present *Charlotte's Web* on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Doherty Middle School. Tickets prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets will be sold in advance at the school's main office, and at the door the nights of the show.

ing; Joe Wil 978-686-0900

Chamber congressional luncheon, with featured guest Massachusetts Speaker of the House, Salvatore I DiMasi, and state representatives from the area, noon-1:15 p.m., \$25, Pat's Function Hall, River Street, Haverhill, at "Spring into Business" Expo; 978-686-0900.

Essex County Needlecraft Guild, April meeting, coffee/social begins at 9:30 a.m., and, after a brief business meeting, features a trunk show by award-winning quilter Rosemary Bawn of Stow, Mass., whose works incorporate family members and the Boston Rev. Sox, free to members, guests welcome for \$5 donation, at the Emerson Center East Common Street, Topsheld; Heidi Lee 978-887-7348.

New England Poetry Conference, inaugural of an event planned to become an annual presentation of the University of Massachusetts Lowell's Jack and Stella Kerouac Center for American Studies, featuring readings, discussion and film, including Andover resident Michael Casey, author of *Obscenities, Millrat*, and *The Million Dollar Hole*, free and open to the public, no reg-

istration required, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Booth Center, Miller Library, Lowell; Phil Heller 978-451-1195.

Thursday, April 7

Poetry reading and book signing, Steven Cramer will read from his collection *Goodbye to the Orchard*, and Jeffrey Henson will read from *Feeding the Fire*, 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

NOIS on the Road: Finding

Tomorrow's Leaders, a program that trains and educates young people that collects from restaurants and dining halls and distributes them to bring the educational program to outdoor skills, leadership and environmental awareness presented by the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) at Phillips Academy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., this month will be parked at Hadden Field Road, where course leader, Between 14 and 22, an outdoor application for one of the 15, had airships the group will award; Lino Sherman 978-749-4678.

Open to Grace, service for healing, 7 p.m., at the Chapel in the West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road; Betsy Collins 978-475-3528.

College and career fair, for students in grades 9 through 12, more than 100 universities and colleges, banks and branches of the military will be available, 7-8:30 p.m., in the gymnasium of Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant St.,

Lowell; Phil Heller 978-451-1195.

Trade show tips for service businesses, a presentation by the National Franchise Association, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Poetry conference, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Friday, April 8

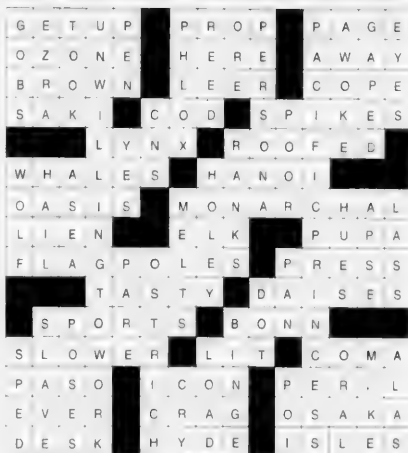
Andover Service Club annual auction, 12th annual fundraising dinner and auction, 7 p.m., at the Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

The Brown Round World, electronic music performance by the American Electronic Music Ensemble, 7 p.m., at the Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Family fun night, hosted by the Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange, swimming, Chinese chess and checkers, pizza, 7-9 p.m., tickets \$3 members, \$5 non-members, Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road; Elizabeth 978-749-4678.

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Academy Chorus to present Handel's *Utrecht Jubilate* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*

On Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m., the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Academy Chorus performing Handel's *Utrecht Jubilate* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*.

The performance will feature Krista River, mezzo-soprano, Allen Combs, tenor and Paul Cernota, bass. The chorus is under the direction of faculty member Christo-

pher Walter.

This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. For further information, contact the music department at 978-749-4263; or send an e-mail to: music@andover.edu.



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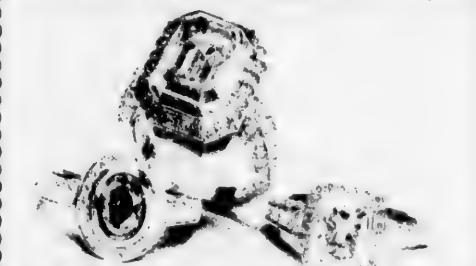
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Brushing up on calligraphy

Lecture and workshop on Chinese calligraphy at Phillips

RENOWNED CALLIGRAPHER Qianshen Bai, associate professor of Asian art history at Boston University, will give a lecture and workshop on Chinese brush calligraphy at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3, in Kemper Auditorium, 5 Chapel Ave., on the Phillips Academy campus.

A workshop will follow at 4 p.m. in the Underwood Room. The event is sponsored by Andover Chinese Cultural Outreach.

Calligraphy, the most popular calligraphy journal in China, selected Bai as one of "The Ten People of 2004" in recognition of his scholarship.

Currently a Guggenheim Fellow, he holds a doctorate, a master of philosophy and master of arts degrees in the history of art from Yale University.

He is the author of *Fu Shan's World: The Transformation of Chinese Calligraphy in the Seventeenth Century* (2003).

The lecture is free. The workshop fee is \$10 per person. For workshop reservations, call 978-749-4846.



Qianshen Bai demonstrates the art of calligraphy.

Essex Chamber Music Players concert

Area composers showcased

IN KEEPING WITH ITS mission of performing new works as well as favorites from the past, the Northern Essex Community College Essex Chamber Music Players will present three premieres — two by area composers — as well as a classical piece by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy at a concert this Sunday, April 3.

The concert will begin at 2 p.m. in the library conference area on Northern Essex Community College's Haverhill Campus.

There will be an additional concert of the program Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish Church, 225 Cabot St., Beverly.

A highlight of the program is a premiere by Georgetown composer Ray Loring, who composes for WGBH-TV's NOVA series.

June on the Merrimack for Tenor, Flute, Cello and Piano was commissioned for the



David Pihl

John Sullivan

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Raphael Popper-Keizer

Haverhill Historical Society in collaboration with the Essex Chamber Music Players, and is based on a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier.

The world premiere of *Trio for Flute, Cello, and Piano* by Beverly composer Daniel J. Kennedy, who is working on his doctorate in composition at the New England Conservatory, will also be performed.

Journey Through A Lifetime: A Song Cycle for Tenor, Flute, Cello, and Piano (based on a poem by Anthony Marlow) and written by Urbandale, Iowa, composer Elaine Erickson will

also be performed.

The concert will conclude with a performance of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's *Trio in D minor, opus 49 arranged for Flute, Cello and Piano*.

The Essex Chamber Music Players are John Sullivan, tenor; Michael Finegold of Andover, flutist; Raphael Popper-Keizer, cellist, and David Pihl, pianist.

Tickets for the Northern Essex performance are \$10 general admission; \$5 for students and seniors; and \$25 for an entire family.

Tickets can be purchased online at MVArts.info.

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beth Wilkin 978-749-4846.

Starlight Zone, a Broadway musical revue produced by the Trinitarian Neighborhood Theater, with skits and songs from shows such as *Hairspray*, *Mama Mia*, *Godspell*, *Hair*, and many more, all tied together with an original plot, 7:30 p.m., \$10, \$8.50 children and seniors, Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-4445 or www.natrintrian.org.

Jim MacDougall & The Funky Divas perform "Make a Joyful Noise," a concert sponsored by Merrimack Valley Hospice to honor the lives of former patients and their families as well as anyone who has suffered the loss of a family member, friend or co-worker, 7-9 p.m., free and open to the public but reservations required by April 1, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, Turnpike Street; 978-552-4539.

Saturday, April 9

Academy Chorus, under the direction of Christopher Walter, performs Handel's *Utrecht Jubilate* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, 7:30 p.m., free and open to the public, Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4263 or e-mail: music@andover.edu.

Art auction to benefit memorial scholarship, fundraiser for the Daniel Romanuk Memorial Scholarship. Daniel's mother is Patricia Walsh Romanuk, and his grandparents are June and Frank Walsh of Andover; there will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and champagne, cash bar, door prizes, preview 6:30-7:45 p.m., auction 7:45 p.m., \$20, Haverhill Country Club, Brackett Lane, Haverhill; 603-382-3794 or 603-819-9706.

Aquatic Job Fair, attended by representatives of Scouts, camps, state beaches, and other venues in need of lifeguards, safety instructors, pool directors, and other water-related professionals, cosponsored by American Red Cross of Merrimack Valley, 1-3 p.m., Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road, Kathy Cronin 978-372-6871.

Foreign film festival, Eling, a 2002 Norwegian comedy about a pair of dysfunctional pals released from a mental hospital to a halfway house who have to prove to a social worker that they can live in the "sane" world, second in a three-film series presented on consecutive weekends by Northern Essex Community College, 8 p.m., free and open to the public, 82 Amesbury St., Lawrence; Mark Palermo 978-5576-3000, Ext. 7463 or e-mail: mpalermo@nec.edu, or visit necfilmfest.tripod.com.

Music Theatre open house, celebrating 50 years of performances, North Shore Music Theatre opens its doors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring performances, behind-the-scenes tours, demonstrations, prizes, and fun activities such as face painting and balloon animals, free and open to the public; to reserve a space call 978-232-7250 or e-mail: openhouse@nsmt.org

Crossroads Coffeehouse, featuring

Aztec Two-Step, doors open 7:15 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m., \$16, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-687-3960 (978-687-7948 evening of concert) or www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

Alzheimer's conference, 17th annual Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Conference for family and professional caregivers for individuals with the disease, 8:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., \$20, \$40 per caregiving family, \$25 for a person applying for continuing education units for RN, LPN, or SW, Wyndham Andover, Old River Road; 978-683-7747, Ext. 347.

Starlight Zone, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., see April 8 entry.

Sunday, April 10

Lithuanian egg decorating, an intergenerational workshop and demonstration by ethnic folk artist Jonas Stundza, co-sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and DCS, 2-4 p.m., free for children 8 and older when accompanied by paying adult, \$13 members, \$18 non-members, materials included, at AHS 97 Main St.; Juliet Mofford 978-475-2236.

Concert for tsunami relief, ESL Classical Ensemble will perform works by Vivaldi, Liszt and Weber, while traditional dance is performed by the White Rose Cambodian Dance Troupe and music by Tepniyum, a popular Cambodian band, all talents donated to raise funds for tsunami victims, 2 p.m., ticket donation levels are \$15 to \$100, and proceeds benefit the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth mission sites in Tamil Nadu, India, concert to be held at First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover (corner of Mass. Avenue and Route 125); 978-683-7316.

Chamber music, Mistral, a new chamber ensemble, presents Mahler's *Fourth Symphony*, Debussy's *Afternoon of a Faun*, and two soprano arias by J.S. Bach, 4 p.m., tickets \$30 or \$25, student rush \$8, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, Turnpike Street, North Andover; 978-474-6222 or info@andoverchambermusic.org.

War Photographer, an award-winning documentary film by Christian Frei who followed famed photographer James Nachtwey for a year to hot spots such as Kosovo and the West Bank, first in a new film series to be presented at the Griffin Museum, 6 p.m., free for museum members, \$7 non-members, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Starlight Zone, 2:30 p.m., see April 8 entry.

Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Eye on the Collection: Copley to Hopper*, Selections from the Addison's extensive permanent collection including more than 40 landscapes, cityscapes, still-lives and portraits that span 200 years of the richness and complexity of American art, through July 31; *Girls' Night Out*, Photography and video by 10 international and intergenerational female artists exploring

themes such as the passage from girlhood to womanhood, and notions of beauty and female identity, through April 3; *Manifest Destiny*, a provocative eight-foot by 24-foot acrylic mural on board, depicting Brooklyn, N.Y., in an apocalyptic future, through June 5, with a discussion of the work by the artist, Alexis Rockman, on April 26 at 8 p.m. in the Kemper Auditorium at Phillips Academy; Gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, gallery hours Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Art at Boxford Village Library, on display through April 2, the watercolors of Janet Hamlin, largely consisting of home and business portraits, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday, 10-6 p.m., Saturday, 10-3 p.m.; 978-887-READ.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Main Gallery: winning photographs from the 11th annual Griffin Museum Juried Show, through May 15; Emerging Artist Gallery: photographs by Julie Melton and Rachel Papo, through May 15; Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; Eileen Byrne 978-459-7819, www.the-brush.org.

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First episode of Frost Festival scheduled to air on Channel 8

"Write Now," episode No. 1 of the Robert Frost Festival, produced and hosted by Gayle C. Heney of North Andover, will air tonight, March 31 and April 5 and 7 at 8:30, and also at 10 a.m. on April 1, 6 and 8 on Andover cable TV Channel 8.

The first episode of the Robert Frost Festival introduces the Museum of Printing of North Andover and its executive director, Gardner LePoer, through the printing of Robert Frost's poem *Fragmentary Blue* and the eighth annual Robert Frost Poetry Festival keynote speaker, Welford Dunaway Taylor, author of *The Woodcut Art of J.J. Lankes*.

Heney, producer and host of "Write Now," is also recipient of the Haverhill Community Television Producer of the Year Award for 2003-04, and founder of "The Write Group." She is a poet, and short story writer, who leads seminars that help others begin writing poetry.

The Robert Frost Festival occurs annually on the fourth Saturday in October, and features reading, lectures, exhibits, and the annual Robert Frost Poetry Award given to poems written in the spirit of Robert Frost.

"Write Now" features the 8th Annual Festival, October 2004.

The second episode will feature poets Megan Grumbling of Portland, Maine and Deborah Warren of Andover.

Schedules will be announced on Channel 8.

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Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Churchill Gallery, an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Essex Art Center, gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., through April 8 the work of Neill Fearnley of Byfield, a painter of abstracts that feature layering of text images, some of which are included in collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Cordova Museum and MIT will be on display, free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Memorial Hall Library, Andover resident David Cugnasea creates photographic images; his art exhibition of black-and-white pinhole photographs will be on display through April, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mnhl.org.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Lorica Artworks, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, presents "Quiet Places," a collection of

New cycling club starts rides next week

There is a new cycling club in Andover. The rides are free and designed for adult recreational riders. All rides begin at Andover Cycle: The Cycle Stop at 26 Chestnut St. The rides will begin next week (the week of April 3).

The three scheduled rides are:

- Tuesdays at 6 p.m. - women only;
- Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; and
- Saturdays at 8 a.m.

For more information, or if anyone is interested in becoming a ride leader, e-mail andovercycles@yahoo.com.

ACMS presents Heaven and Earth, featuring Mistral

The Andover Chamber Music Series, Julia Scolnik, artistic director, invites the public to two afternoon concerts by Mistral, a new ensemble of strings, winds, voice, and piano, in a program featuring chamber arrangements of Mahler's *Symphony No. 4* and Debussy's *Prélude à L'Après-midi d'un Faune*, as well as two soprano arias by J. S. Bach. All works will be performed without a conductor in both concerts, this Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m., in Jordan Hall, Boston, and next Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, North Andover.

Mahler's *Fourth Symphony*, with its lighter textures and chamber-like interplay of single instruments, lends itself to this intimate version by Erwin Stein, organizers said. The soprano solo in the last movement will be sung by Maria Ferrante, who will evoke Mahler's vision of a child's innocent description of heaven.

Inspired by a Mallarmé poem of the same name, *Afternoon of a Faun* was the work that established Debussy's name in the musical world. When the poet heard the score for the first time, he commented, "I didn't expect anything like this! This music prolongs the emotion of my poem, and sets its scene more vividly than color." The poem and Debussy's score blur the distinctions between sleep and wakefulness, dream and reality, desire and artistic vision.

Mistral musicians have garnered international praise for their artistry (andoverchambermusic.org/mistral.html). Its members performing on this program include violinist Irina Muresanu, cellist Thomas Kraines, formerly of the Peabody Trio; flutist Julia Scolnik, soprano Maria Ferrante, pianist Ya Fei Chuang, and violist Peter Sulski, among others.

All tickets for the Jordan Hall concert are \$30.

Tickets for the concert at the Rogers Center for the Arts are \$30 and \$25. Group sales and \$8 student tickets are available.

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paintings by Irish artists celebrating the regions of Ireland and their intrinsic beauty; gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, as well as by appointment; free admission, handicap access; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829.

Walsingham Gallery, works by artists J.C. Airolti, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlossberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

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2005 FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION

* Date *

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

* Place *

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

* Time *

FOOTBALL - In-town registration

ages 9 year olds to 7th graders - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CHEERLEADING - In-town registration

Grades 4th through 7th - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

* Fee *

FOOTBALL - \$160.00 per child

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New registrants need a copy of their birth certificate, all players need a copy of their health forms. Players do not need to attend - weigh-ins will be in the fall.

8TH GRADERS TRAVEL FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING TEAMS

registration 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Information meeting about the travel teams for parents and future 8th graders at 8:00 in the West Middle School Cafeteria.

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Sports

AHS PREVIEWS

Picking up where they left off?

Relying on returning starters & newcomers, spring teams hope to improve on last season

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman today begins in-depth previews of 2005 Andover High spring season varsity sports teams with looks at baseball, softball, boys volleyball and boys lacrosse.

BASEBALL

The Andover High varsity baseball team's return to prominence last spring was swift and impressive.

After four straight sub-par seasons (the last winning record was in 1999), the Golden Warriors won as many games (17) as they had the previous three years combined on the way to a 17-6 record.

AHS shared the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title with Methuen, both 9-4 in league play, while also winning the Lawrence Invitational Tournament again and battling to the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament semifinals.

The locals outslugged Newton North (17-14) and Arlington (15-6) post-season before dropping a 3-2 decision to Peabody (three unearned runs) in the North semis.

Nine players graduated from that crew, including .400 hitters Brian Buckley (.415), Ryan Shepard (.411), Joel Keefe (.403) and Jarrett Mackin (.401).

Buckley is now a pitcher-outfielder at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Shepard is the starting centerfielder at Merrimack. Keefe is attending UMass Boston but may transfer because of a coaching change, and Mackin is the starting rightfielder at the University of Colorado as a freshman.

The Golden Warriors also graduated 13 pitching wins with Kyle Ahern, 6-2 last year. Patrick Bateson 5-1 and Jon Volinski 2-0 with two saves. Bateson is attending Northern Essex CC and Volinski is at Syracuse.

Completing the list of graduates were Anthony Perry (.346) and Alex Foley (.308).

Strength up middle

As devastating as those losses are, Andover has 11 returning lettermen including four starters who were major contributors in 2004.

That quartet consists of senior second baseman and Capt. Matt Iorio, a four-year starter, junior shortstop and third-year starter Paul Malaguti, senior first baseman-pitcher and Capt. Matt Hogan and sophomore pitcher-outfielder Dan Godefroi.

"We are very strong up the middle, both in the field and at the plate, with Iorio and Malaguti," said AHS head coach Ken Maglio. "It's the best we've been at those two positions since Robby (Oppenheim) and Tiz (Brian Tisbert)."

Iorio batted .350 last season with 21 hits, 20 runs scored, 12 RBI and a team co-high 15 walks. He also had 51 assists and 30 putouts in the field.

Malaguti, the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 batting champ as a freshman two years ago, hit .348 last spring with 25 hits, 19 runs, 20 RBI, 15 walks and a team-best two homers. He also contributed 38 assists and 31 putouts.

Hogan hit .338 with 22 hits, 21 RBI, three doubles and a triple.

Thoroughbred Godefroi led the team and MVC 1 as a freshman with a .471 batting average, which included 33 hits, a team-high 29 runs, 12 RBI, seven doubles and a .537 on-base percentage.

On the mound the lefthander was 3-2 with a 1.71 ERA, including a superb pressure performance in a 3-2 loss (three unearned runs) to powerhouse Peabody in the North tourney semifinals.

Godefroi also had a brilliant summer with a 10-1 pitching record for the Massachusetts state champion and Northeast Regional semifinalist Andover Post 8 American Legion team.

Malaguti, Iorio and Hogan

contributed standout seasons for Post 8.

Other lettermen are senior leftfielder-DH and Capt. Matt Hennessy, senior pitcher Peter Burke-Wallace, junior outfielder-pitcher Myke (spelling correct) Fortier, junior outfielder-pitcher Tom White, junior third baseman Greg Carroll, junior second baseman/third baseman Andrew Hennessy and senior outfielder Matt Furness.

Matt Hennessy missed much of last season with an arm injury (ligament), after starting in left field as a sophomore, while Burke-Wallace was 1-1 on the mound.

The team batting average was a hefty .371 and the staff ERA 2.83.

Promising newcomers are sophomore lefty pitcher-centerfielder Kevin Calabro, and five seniors elevated from the JV team in pitcher Craig Lanciani, catchers Joe Gil and Mike Muccio, DH-utilityman Mike Lattari and pitcher Shaun Hannigan who has battled shoulder problems the past two years.

Assistant coaches are Kevin Rourke (varsity), Dan Grams (JV), Rich Robinson (freshmen) and part-time volunteers Kevin and Ryan Shepard.

Together they greeted a huge turnout of 96 candidates (top four grades) at the first practice.

Excellent speed

"We have excellent speed and - while I expect our hitting to be very good - we can also use that quickness and our bunting ability to play small ball and manufacture runs when necessary," said Maglio.

"We're looking for depth at several positions, and if our pitching develops we could have another very good year. Godefroi, Fortier, Burke-Wallace, White, Lanciani and Calabro will make up the staff."

Maglio enters his 13th year as head coach, and 35th overall with the Andover program, sporting a

172-99 won-lost record.

His teams have won or shared five MVC titles, captured two Division 1 North championships, reached the North final four times and won the Lawrence Invitational eight times.

Scrimmages, weather and field conditions permitting, were scheduled this week against North Andover (twice), Woburn and Greater Lawrence Tech.

The regular season opener is next Tuesday (April 5) at home against non-league opponent Revere. Home games are played at Peter Aumais Park.

AHS will again participate in the four-team Wakefield (April 7 and 9) and six-team Lawrence (May 28-29) Tournaments.

AHS faces host Wakefield in the semifinals of that tourney, whose other entrants are Saugus and Beverly.

In the semifinals at Lawrence, the Golden Warriors will play the winner of a first-round game between North Andover and Pen-tucket Regional of West Newbury.

SOFTBALL

It is a fact of high school softball life that most teams go as far as their ace pitcher takes them.

Unlike baseball, where three or four pitchers share the load, softball teams like to use the same hurler 75 to 100 percent of the time and ride that one strong arm to success.

Andover High once again will pin its hopes on the capable right limb of senior veteran and team Capt. Caitlin Carpentier, who worked the majority of games last spring when the locals finished 14-7 overall and won the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 championship with an 11-3 league record.

Andover won 11 of its last 12 regular season games (only loss 3-0 to North Andover) after a 3-5 start, chalking up five shutouts and big wins over MVC 1 teams Lowell (2-1, nine innings), Billerica (6-0) and Central Catholic (1-0).

Newton North ousted Andover from the tourney, 1-0, in the first round.

It was the latest in a string of tournament-qualifying seasons for head coach Stephanie Ragucci's teams, the AHS program doing an about-face during her tenure to become an annual title contender.

The big unknown as the 2005 season begins is whether All-Conference selection Carpentier's valuable right shoulder will remain strong for the next eight weeks.

"Caitlin had off-season surgery to the shoulder on her throwing arm," said Ragucci. "How well the rehab went is the key. Until now she hadn't done any live throwing off a mound since the operation."

"We don't want to put all the pressure on one player," added the coach, "but Caitlin is our glue and everyone knows a lot of how far we go will depend on her."

Six letterwinners

The Lady Warriors graduated seven seniors, including first baseman, .400 hitter and main

power source Emily Farmer who is playing at Springfield College this spring.

Also gone are All-Conference catcher Lauren Vieira, shortstop Liz Pallotta, Meagan Merinder, speedster Lindsey Timko, Carolyn Ciampa and Kristen Couture.

"We don't have a huge number of returners - six letterwinners including four starters - but we have them at several key positions," said Ragucci.

Starters joining Carpentier are senior third baseman Maggie Hanlon, junior second baseman Maria Nasta and junior center-fielder Emily Cummings.

Other varsity veterans are sophomore catcher Becky Cairns and sophomore pitcher Katie Anderson.

Nasta and Cairns were two of the top girls hockey scorers in Massachusetts this winter, leading Andover to its second straight State Division 2 semifinal berth where it lost a 4-3 heartbreaker to eventual champ St. Mary's of Lynn.

Anderson received her varsity baptism on the mound as Carpentier's backup last spring, working in several games and pitching well as a freshman.

Newcomers

The eight newcomers are sophomore shortstop Allie Navarro, sophomore outfielder Tamar Brady, junior outfielder/pitcher Kerry Haugh, junior outfielder/infielder Alyssa Lau, junior first baseman Summer Key, junior middle infielder/outfielder Sydney Layne, junior first baseman/outfielder Sara Kelleher and junior pitcher/first baseman Noelle Petrillo.

All are up from the junior varsity except for California transfer student Key.

Navarro, who hopes to carry on the recent tradition of AHS standout shortstops started by Lisa Tisbert and Pallotta, "has a cannon for an arm" reports Ragucci.

Kelleher has already been a member of two successful AHS varsity teams this school year, volleyball (18-6, North 1 finalist) and basketball (18-5, North 1 semifinalist).

"No question we have some big gaps to fill," said Ragucci. "But the potential is definitely there. Our defense, pitching and team speed are all very good. If we have a problem it could come down to producing runs early in the season."

"It's always exciting at the beginning of the year - getting the new people to blend in with the veterans. We're hoping for a quick payoff."

"Every player we have is dedicated to softball," said Ragucci. "They all like the game. No one is in it just to play a sport."

Friday opener

Andover is scheduled to attend a five-team Play-Day at North Reading this Saturday, field conditions permitting, joining East Boston, Peabody, Saugus and the host school.

The regular season opens next Friday, April 8 with a non-league home game against Everett.

The first Merrimack Valley Conference game is April 15

home versus Methuen (3:30 p.m.).

Other non-league opponents include North Reading (April 13, home) and Nazareth Academy of Wakefield (April 27, home).

AHS will again compete in the Methuen Invitational Tournament the weekend of May 21-22.

Ragucci enters her ninth season with an 87-83 overall record including 84-67 the past seven years.

The MIT graduate's teams have qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament seven times.

Steve Tisbert returns as the varsity assistant, Betty Iannuccilli as JV coach and Dick Loschi as freshman coach.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

One of the biggest things the 2005 Andover High boys volleyball team has going for it is tradition.

In the last 16 years the Golden Warrior netmen have won outright or shared nine Merrimack Valley Conference championships, made 13 MIAA Division 1 North Tournament appearances, advanced to five North Sectional semifinals, two North finals and a state title match in 1995 where the locals lost to perennial power New Bedford, 3-0.

Coach George Sullivan has a 227-110 record as he enters his 17th season (.674 winning percentage).

AHS was 11-11 last spring including a 3-2 loss to Boston Latin Academy in the first round of the tournament.

The locals started the 2004 season 5-2 but struggled at the end before a key 2-1 win over Haverhill just prior to the tourney.

Graduates included Capts. Jake Kleinman, Sean Cummings and 6'7" Ian McMahon.

Kleinman is playing club volleyball at the University of Pennsylvania.

Three starters return, senior Defenders and Capts. Pardeep Thandi and Sam Silverman along with senior outside hitter Chris James.

Sullivan and new assistant coach Kayleen McNulty, a former head coach at Billerica High, greeted a strong turnout of 42 candidates (up 16 from last year) at the first tryout.

"The returning kids went out and did some recruiting of their own," said Sullivan. "We had the varsity team picked by (last) weekend and that's the earliest it's ever been finalized."

The eight other lettermen joining the three starters are one senior, outside hitter Matt Jacobs, and seven juniors including outside hitters Nick Assad and Alex Levine, middle hitters Jerry Mohan and Luke Bruno, setters Darren McRoy and Mike Gianopoulos and defender Tyler Carroll.

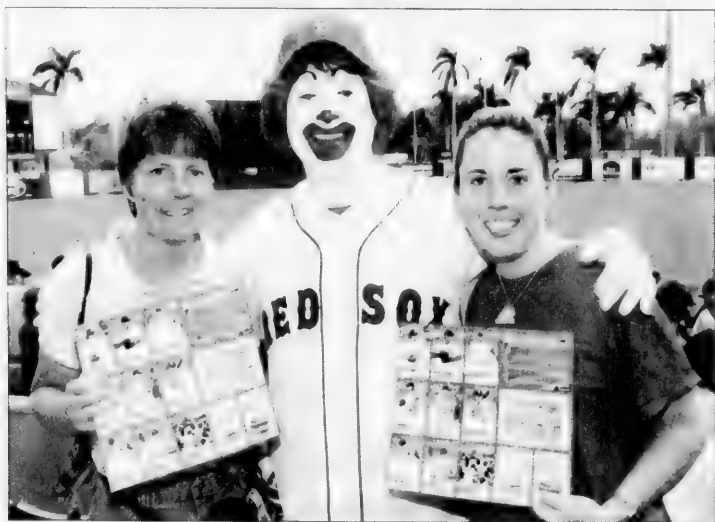
Completing the 13-player varsity roster are two newcomers, senior outside hitters Pat Hughes and Alex Day.

More experience

"Our strengths this year, like

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HARDBALL HEAVEN



The first 500 Red Sox fans from New England who were lucky enough to escape the weather and head to spring training last week in Fort Myers, Fla., received a sneak preview of new Red Sox Trading Cards developed for McDonald's customers. Andover residents Debbie and Kerry Powers were greeted by special guest Ronald McDonald, who gave away the McDonald's 2004 World Series Champions Boston Red Sox limited edition Upper Deck Trading Cards. The trading cards will be available through April 17 for \$1.99 per set with any purchase in McDonald's restaurants in eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

ANDOVER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

National Public Health Week April 4th-8th
Public Health Lecture and Program Series April 5th-7th

Andover Town Offices - Second Floor Conference Room
Public Health Display and Information Table - Andover Town Offices - Second Floor - April 4th-8th

Tuesday April 5th

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Neighborhood Diabetes Shoppe

11:30 - 12:30 Managing your Diabetic Medication

Presenter: Dean Kartsounis, RPh.

12:30 - 2:00 Diabetes Prevention and Control

*Presentation will cover issues of prevention and control of diabetes with plenty of time for questions and answers

Presenter: Nancy Masys, R.N., M.S., CDE

Diabetes Prevention and Control, Lawrence General Hospital

Wednesday April 6th

9:30 - 12 noon Adult Immunization Clinic

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Wednesday April 6th

2:00 - 3:00

Adult Blood Pressure and Wellness Clinic Held at the Andover Senior Center

Thursday April 7th

10:00 - 11:00 The Fish Brook Initiative

A one hour lecture and review of the environmental insults and threats to Fish Brook and our towns Public Water Supply System. Presenter: Everett Penney - Town of Andover/Director of Public Health

11:00 - 11:30 Public Health Overview

Discussion and review of inspectional services of the Health Department - restaurant and food service issues, summer camps, pools, beaver control issues, housing code etc.

Presenter: Everett Penney - Town of Andover/Director of Public Health

12:30 - 1:30 Healthy Lawns and Gardens

A one hour lecture describing the benefits of pesticide-free lawn care and gardening and the use of pesticides on town operated playing fields as regulated by the Children & Families Pesticide Protection Act of 2002.

Presenter: Joyce Ringieb - Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters

1:30 - 2:30 Video Presentation "Healthy Lawns" & "People, Places and Plants"

Two half-hour videos assembled by the Sustainability Committee of the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters and The Andover Board of Health

All lectures and programs are FREE of charge unless otherwise noted. Please feel free to bring refreshments - or even lunch - as some of the talks do occur during lunchtime. Come to just one session or all three days...We hope you enjoy the programs. Call the Health Department with any questions at: (978) 623-8295

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AHS PREVIEW

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Continued from page 14

last, should be in the middle and on defense where we have a veteran presence," said Sullivan.

"We have more experience than last year - when we had to replace 10 graduates - and the attitude and commitment are excellent.

"We had our first Play-Day last weekend and we did OK against Haverhill, Lawrence, St. John's Prep and Chelmsford.

"One thing we must do is hit the ball harder," said Sullivan.

"We were a little timid.

"Lawrence will definitely be the team to beat in our conference. They have a lot of talented players, including seven kids from their basketball team (league and Division I North champs).

"What I liked when we played was our guys worked hard and didn't quit," said Sullivan.

Another Play Day is scheduled this Saturday at the Dunn Gym against Weymouth, Methuen and Newton South.

The opening regular season match is next Monday, April 4 at the Dunn Gym against powerhouse Lawrence (4 p.m.).

It is the first athletic event of the spring season for AHS.

The first three matches and four of the first five on the 20-match schedule are at home.

BOYS LACROSSE

Speed and experience make the 2005 edition of the Andover High boys varsity lacrosse team one to watch.

"This group ranks as one of the stronger teams we've had at Andover," said Wayne Puglisi, who begins his sixth season as the only head coach in the (short) history of the AHS program.

"I like the way they work together and the leadership provided by the three senior captains.

"I'm also happy with the progress our league has made," said Puglisi. "We've worked hard to make this a viable conference - and with the addition of Tewksbury and Central Catholic this year we now have eight teams."

That number will grow to nine next year when Draut's sub-varsity team moves to varsity status.

The Golden Warrior lacrosse were 11-8 last spring, which included a 5-0 start and a final 5-2 record in MVC play to earn the locals a co-championship with long-established Billerica and relative newcomer Chelmsford.

A tough tournament draw matched Andover against St. John's Prep of Danvers in the opening round, and Puglisi's crew lost that game 8-5.

The only graduates from a young squad were top scorers Toby Cohen, Bobby Grant, Tyler Hopkins and Ben Newman.

All four are playing lacrosse again this spring. Cohen at Northfield-Mt. Hermon Prep, Grant at Endicott College in Beverly, Newman at Bates College and Hopkins on the club team at the University of New Hampshire.

ANDOVER SCORING

WINTER 2004-05

FINAL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

(23 games)

| | FG | FT | Pts. |
|-------------------|-----|----|------|
| Jackie Powers | 108 | 64 | 320 |
| Maggie Cosgrove | 102 | 21 | 257 |
| Meghan Thomann | 82 | 15 | 238 |
| Emily Pallotta | 54 | 18 | 133 |
| Laura Renfro | 34 | 1 | 98 |
| Jessie Koffman | 26 | 8 | 60 |
| Katelyn Caro | 24 | 9 | 59 |
| Brittany Moriarty | 17 | 2 | 40 |
| Jen Merinder | 17 | 2 | 36 |
| Kelly O'Dea | 12 | 7 | 31 |
| Sam Kerivan | 10 | 8 | 28 |
| Sara Kelleher | 11 | 1 | 23 |
| Lauren Hughes | 8 | 5 | 21 |
| Jessie Shields | 1 | 5 | 7 |

3-pointers: Meghan Thomann 59; Jackie Powers 40; Maggie Cosgrove 32; Laura Renfro 29; Emily Pallotta 7; Brittany Moriarty 4; Katelyn Caro 2.

BOYS BASKETBALL

(24 games)

| | FG | FT | Pts. |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Greg Vetrano | 164 | 133 | 542 |
| Bobby Hughes | 129 | 37 | 295 |
| Casey Cosgrove | 57 | 52 | 192 |
| Luis Carpio | 50 | 16 | 116 |
| Steve Games | 44 | 10 | 102 |
| Peter White | 34 | 12 | 81 |
| Matt Renfro | 18 | 6 | 48 |
| Tyler Carroll | 13 | 5 | 33 |
| Tristan Shannon | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Ian Dempsey | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| Sam Ball | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Max Ball | 0 | 3 | 3 |

3-pointers: Greg Vetrano 81; Casey Cosgrove 26; Matt Renfro 6; Steve Games 4; Tyler Carroll 2; Ian Dempsey 2; Sam Ball 1; Peter White 1.

BOYS HOCKEY

(20 games)

GIRLS HOCKEY

(23 games)

| | G | A | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|------|
| Maria Nasta | 42 | 22 | 64 |
| Becky Cairns | 19 | 39 | 58 |
| Alison Burns | 15 | 20 | 35 |
| Rebecca Lindmark | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| Jacqui Munro | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Becky Johnson | 2 | 11 | 13 |
| Heather Paonessa | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| Liz Roda | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Kristen Costagliola | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Ally Brown | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Danielle Paonessa | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Kim Chandler | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Sarah Ostrofsky | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Liz Sambuco | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Samantha Collins | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Amy Marlow | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Hat Tricks: Maria Nasta 6; Kristen Costagliola 1.
Shutouts: Christina Cahill 3; Cahill and Rachel Bergan 2.

| | G | A | Pts. |
|----------------|---|----|------|
| Tucker Mullin | 9 | 11 | 20 |
| John Hyslip | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Matt Colby | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Joe Benedix | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Phil Kim | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| A.J. Drivas | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Austin Gilbert | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| Colin Brennan | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Mike LaMagna | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Greg Carroll | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Dan Godefroi | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Mike Ahern | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Matt Quinlan | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| P.J. Paonessa | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Andrew Gatti | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Chris Seero | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Mike Muccio | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Shutouts: Zach Frish 3.

Nine starters

The 35 candidates for this year's team included nine returning starters led by the aforementioned senior captains, defender and 2004 All-Conference choice John Fox, defender Jon Yost and third-year goaltender Zach Gostanian.

Two of the top scorers are back, junior attack Mike LaMagna and junior midfielder Buddy Farnham who finished last spring with more than 40 and 30 points respectively.

Football phenom Farnham (say it 10 times fast), whose father and uncles were All-American lacrosse players at Brown University long before the sport had any organized roots in Andover, was an All-Conference selection as well last year.

"Let's just say Buddy has all the tools to be among the best players in the state," said Puglisi.

But the secret got out a long time ago.

"He'll be closely watched by opposing teams," said the coach.

"He's not going to surprise anyone. They all know about his abilities."

Starting senior midfielders back for another go-around are

Eric Hanson, Luke Bryden, John Iannelli and Seth Martin.

Eight others also earned letters after seeing varying degrees of playing time last year.

Seniors in this latter group are midfielder Andy Boudreau, attackmen Vic Lano, James MacDonald and goaltender Mike Anderson. Juniors are midfielder Mike Ahern, attackman A.J. Drivas and defender Andrew Gatti.

The eight varsity newcomers completing the roster are junior midfielders Max Ball, Chris Fiorentino and Phil Kim, junior defenders Sam Ball, Mike Shea and Mike Stewart, junior attackman Rich Ford and sophomore midfielder Jeff Martin.

Assistant coaches are Matt James (varsity), Steve Moreland (varsity), Doug Chernovetz (JV) and Brandon Wilson (freshmen).

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Opener Tuesday

The lone pre-season scrimmage game is scheduled this weekend at Brunswick High in Maine.

The first regular season game is a non-leaguer next Tuesday, April 5 at Algonquin Regional in Northboro (4 p.m.).

The Merrimack Valley Conference opener is April 8 at home versus Chelmsford (4 p.m.).

Home games will again be played at the Shawshen field (days) and Lovely Field (nights). Puglisi, who points to Chelmsford, Billerica and Lowell as Andover's chief MVC competition, launches the season with a 57-43 career record.

The AHS physical education teacher, who played lacrosse at Londonderry, N.H. High and Springfield College, was an assistant coach at Winchester (six years) and Londonderry (one year) before taking over at AHS.

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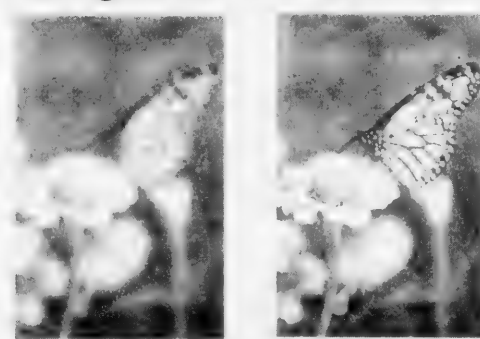
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Opinion

Parent wells running dry

VOLUNTEERS HAVE helped Andover attain its lofty reputation as a community that goes beyond the call. Over the years, Andover's volunteers have helped bring Andover the extras, such as more open space, thanks to the foresight of the Andover Village Improvement Society. Parents of schoolchildren have always been at the forefront of this volunteer effort, and they continue to volunteer their time and money. But some calls are not being answered with the same fervor this year, in large part because there have been so many calls lately.

Frustrated by the number of fees they have to pay on top of their usual donations, many parents have decided to take action. Or, perhaps, you could say they are taking *inaction*. Because parents are not opening their checkbooks for all the activities they have previously. One of the largest fund-raising events of last year, Casino Night, will not be held this year, because organizers could not get enough people to commit to going.

The school department's decision to try to keep most fees the same as this year is a good one, because too many fees can hurt the school system in other areas. Town officials would be wise to note that while the schools cannot have everything – and smart spending must always be a priority – when the school budget is bitten into too heavily, and the answer is fees, parents may feel the need to bite back.

Web question

Real or not: Fundraiser fatigue?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Tom Koravos, owner of the former Ford's Coffee Shop, died March 18. For decades, his business was an Andover institution, closing in 1994. What do you remember most about Ford's? 52 people responded

- 12 or 23 percent said, "The people who worked there."
- 2, or 4 percent, said, "Talking politics."
- 18, or 35 percent, said, "Hanging out there after school."
- 5, or 10 percent, said, "The food."
- 10, or 19 percent, said, "Nothing. I never ate there."
- 5, or 10 percent, said, "Nothing. I moved here after it closed."

A few people also submitted their memories.

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **With only 100 tickets sold, Andover**

High's Parent Advisory Council had to cancel its Casino Night fund-raiser. Organizers say parents are feeling fundraiser-fatigued from a constant barrage of requests for money in town these days. Do you agree?

- Yes. Organizers are right on. Parents are feeling tapped out.
- Yes. Parents of high-schoolers are feeling especially strapped because there are already too many fees at that school.
- No. I would have supported an event that raises money for after-school clubs, but I don't like the gambling theme.
- No, for another reason.
- Sort of. I agree that school fund-raisers are numerous but all communities are dealing with school budget woes. We've got to do something to help.
- Other.

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SEEN THROUGH THE RAINDROPS



Through the rain on Monday, a woman walked on Bartlet Street, across from the Park.

PHOTO BY TIM LEAN

LETTERS

FOND FAREWELL

Mail carrier bids Andover adieu

Editor, *Townsman*:

During the past 10 years as an Andover letter carrier, I have been fortunate to develop both personal and professional relationships with many people. Although I am leaving Andover to become a letter carrier in a town closer to my New Hampshire home, I will never forget the cherished memories, the stories and the laughter I shared with my friends in Andover. I could always depend on them for a wave, a smile or a great conversation.

The residents of Andover have certainly made a strong impression on me and I have always been so appreciative of their kindness, their concern and their unfailing ability to treat me in a professional manner. My co-workers should know that many of the lessons I've learned during my time in Andover will serve me well as I move on to my new job. I also want to acknowledge the residents and staff of Marland Place, who surprised me with a going-away party. I really enjoyed having the opportunity to spend some time with all of them before the end of my time here.

I wish I could take them all with me as I begin my new job. Hopefully I'll see them again down the road.

Shawn F. Kimball
5 Mayflower Drive
Barrington, N.H.

Coaches create better kids

Editor, *Townsman*:

As coaches for Andover's Department of Community Services programs, Dan Grams and Michelle Doucette share their gifts of patience and love for kids. They teach sports in a way that stresses fun first, and skills second. I have learned from them parenting and coaching tips that transcend sports, particularly in creating disciplined learning environments that empower children to have fun and try their best.

Grams and Doucette have inspired my three boys (and no doubt countless others). My boys will be better people for the love they have shared through giving so much of their time and talents.

Carter Welch
52 Carmel Road

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at www.hudsonvalley.ca, and it offers quotations such as these.

High School parents: We came to be heard

Editor, *Townsman*:

On Monday, March 21 a joint budget meeting was held at Memorial Hall Library so the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee could review the school department's budget. A huge effort was made on the part of the parent community to encourage people to attend since there were several important issues that were going to be discussed.

We are very encouraged to note that close to 100 parents took advantage of this opportunity to become more informed about their government and also to, hopefully, exercise their right to be heard so that the town officials would have an understanding of the concerns from this particular group of citizens. The presentation of the budget was fine. However, we were appalled by the lack of opportunities for discussion between the boards and those citizens who were concerned enough to come.

From the start, the format was not conducive to good dialogue, nor did it energize Andover citizens to participate in future town matters. This

format was set up in a way that kept the audience at bay for a good two and a half hours. This only changed after a couple of citizens who had been waiting to discuss the issues asked for a change.

When people were finally allowed to speak and ask questions, there was no discussion about what people had to say.

We are disappointed that this is how our public officials would treat a concerned group of Andover residents. These are the very public officials who complain that people don't offer public input into our local government. It is time for Andover to wake up and speak out against a small group of public officials who have shunned

their responsibility to listen to us.

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Simple document can clarify end-of-life choices

Editor, *Townsman*:

The Terri Schiavo case has prompted many Americans to discuss their wishes about the kind of medical treatment they would want, should they no longer be able to speak for themselves. Lawyers have been very busy this past week formalizing legal documents called advance directives. These advance directives allow one to name the person, called a health-care proxy, with whom they have entrusted making their health-care decisions if they can no longer speak for themselves. The one positive thing coming from such a tragic case is it's motivating people to make their wishes known.

In my work as a nurse practitioner, I discuss end-of-life issues on a daily basis. I work in hospice and also own my own business, Elders Safe at Home Inc., which helps elders stay in their own homes safely, avoiding or delaying nursing-home placement. During my home visits, I routinely refer my clients to a document called the Five Wishes. It is an advance directive document, written with the help of the American Bar Association's Commission on the Legal Problems of the Elderly and the nation's leading experts in end-of-life care. The document explains five end-of-life wishes in detail and allows for individualization and personal choice. The wishes are as follows: choosing a health-care

proxy, the kind of medical treatment wanted or not wanted, how comfortable one wants to be, how one wants to be treated by other people, and the kinds of things one might want their loved ones to know. It is a legal document in the state of Massachusetts and in 34 other states. The Five Wishes document can be purchased via the Internet. I see many situations like the Schiavo case and I have purchased these documents to help others avoid such tragic endings.

I urge anyone who has not formulated an advance directive to take a look at the Five Wishes and fill out these documents before it is too late.

Jackie Orent-Nathan
27 Brown St.

THE THURSDAY FILE

In the business world, an executive knows something about everything, a technician knows everything about something and the switchboard operator knows everything.

HAROLD COFFIN

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

HAROLD HULBERT

Any kid who has two parents who are interested in him and a houseful of books isn't poor.

SAM LEVENSON

I've seen lifelong friends drift apart over golf simply because one could play better but the other counted better.

STEPHEN LEACOCK

The question of whether a computer can really think is as interesting as the question of whether a submarine can really swim.

E.W. DIJKSTRA

I believe the entire company is in the marketing department. If marketing is slapping spin and hype onto an average product, then we're going to fail.

SETH GODIN

Live together like brothers and do business like strangers.

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The Einstein quotation

What I see depends on where I'm at.

Best quotation sent

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

LETTERS

Everyone should pay for public schools

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Recently I attended two town budget meetings and I am concerned about the future of Andover's "public" education system. Again this year the School Committee brought forward a school budget that requires user fees to offset costs. I feel strongly that public education should be paid for with public dollars, i.e. tax revenue.

Parents (who it is important to note are also taxpayers) are asked to fund bus transportation for students in grades 7-12 at a cost of \$300 per child. There are athletic participation fees at Andover High of \$250 per athlete. In addition, no funding has been allocated for after-school

clubs at the middle schools or high school. If these programs exist it is only due to user fees, parent donations, and fund-raising efforts. PTOs in this town have gone from providing the nice little extras to providing the basics: classroom supplies and materials at all levels including dictionaries and thesauruses. These are basic learning tools.

Members of the town's boards have pointed out that reductions in state funding are having an impact on the school budget. This is true. It is also true that many federal and state mandates are not funded as initially planned. One of the big-ticket items for this town budget is the exponential growth of employee

health-care costs. I believe that if the federal and state governments are unwilling to direct adequate tax dollars to public education, then it is up to local authorities to fund public education with local tax dollars.

I believe Andover residents want our school system to retain its fine reputation. There is a decision to make: Do we fund public education so it is free for all, and paid for by all, or do we continue down this slippery slope of user fees which creates a divide of the "haves" and the "have nots"? I believe the right thing to do is fund education from tax dollars.

Kristin Wise
8 Inwood Lane

Iraq protester: Why we continue to call for peace

Editor, *Townsmen*:

For more than two years now, members of Merrimack Valley People for Peace (MVPP) have maintained peace vigils in Andover four times per week in front of Old Town Hall at 20 Main St., plus early every Tuesday morning at the entrance to Raytheon and Sunday noon in Shawheen Square. While townspeople and passersby regularly acknowledge our presence and offer their strong verbal support, others - in the tradition of an open society - continue to question our action in the frankest of terms. More than one critic has shouted: "You'll be carrying that flag when they fly into your house, you know!" One person recently stopped to ask and proclaim: "What are you doing? The war is over."

Why do we still vigil so frequently, over this span of time and in all conditions of weather? With the second anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq on March 19, I feel it is important to list the several critical issues that compel us to stand for peace. We submit them as follows, and we invite conversation about them at our regular vigils.

We believe that nonviolence and non-military actions - through grassroots work, diplomacy, and international law - are the best means of settling local, regional and global differences. We believe the US invasion of

Iraq was unnecessary, illegal and unjust.

We believe the US furthers this injustice through our continuing military, economic and administrative occupation of Iraq. We call for an end to this occupation.

We believe the actions of the present administration - before, during, and after the invasion - have caused the destruction of international law, weakened the value of the United Nations peace-keeping and humanitarian-serving functions, and made domestic and global security more precarious, not less.

We denounce the present administration's doctrine of: 1) the US right to global military supremacy, 2) the US right to preemptively attack any sovereign nation assumed by the US to be a potential threat, and 3) the US right to first use of nuclear weapons.

We believe the explosive Israeli/Palestinian conflict remains the major barrier to peace in the Middle East and that the US must support and work for peace, dignity and justice for all parties.

We denounce US support for the Israeli occupation of Palestine and the present administration's support for the unjust construction of the Separation Wall.

We oppose any use of nuclear weapons and call for global nuclear disarmament.

We denounce the use of depleted uranium weapons. Their use in Iraq in the Gulf Wars I & II, Kuwait, Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan has caused extensive damage to people (all troops, including our own; innocent civilians; and the unborn) and the environment.

We plead with our government to act responsibly and clean up the war-related radiated soils and waters of Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, Kosovo, Kuwait and the US.

We denounce cuts in veterans' benefits and the refusal of our government to treat war-related health problems of veterans and civilians.

We condemn the waste of our country's human and economic resources - billions and billions of our tax dollars diverted from education, jobs, health care and housing.

We support the establishment of a cabinet level Department of Peace.

We call on all citizens to reclaim our democracy: honor dissent, vote in all elections, demand a free press, oppose abusive corporate power and protect every individual's right to privacy.

We stand and work for peace and justice, and there is much more work to do.

Don Abbott
300 South Main St.
clerk of MVPP

Disability Commission backs senior center effort

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The Andover Commission on Disability is in total and unequivocal support of the proposed senior center being funded. With more than 15 percent of our residents over 62 years of age, the residents of Andover have an obligation to support this significant portion of our town - the group we will all, ultimately, join.

Our seniors are struggling to remain in the town where they have spent their adult lives and, many, their entire lives. The difficulties of fixed incomes are compounded by multiple diagnoses, visible and invisible disabilities, isolation, and widely diverse needs for help. The senior center is the main source of support in coping with all these issues, from transportation to respite care, basic needs to socialization. No single service is more valuable than the other as it is this network of support that allows seniors to maintain quality of life.

Quality of life is the goal for each of us. The very number of people benefiting justifies this consideration. The prospect of new construction is always daunting, but it will be significantly more expensive with each passing year. We urge Andover

residents to join us in voting for approval of the proposed senior center. We're voting for many who cannot as well as for ourselves.

Madelaine St. Amand
River Road
Commission on Disability

With schools built, time for center

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I have lived in Andover for more than 45 years. I have raised four children, all of whom attended Andover schools. After having retired as a teacher and day-care director, I found myself looking for fulfilling activities to fill the gap. I am now active at the senior center. I attend exercise classes, a book club, special events (the St. Patrick's Day celebration was great) as well as special trips. As with many seniors, I look forward to these activities. Pat Becker is always there with her helpful ways, and Jeannie Doucette, at the desk, has a

welcoming smile for everyone.

Seniors have gladly supported the schools in the past and will continue to do so. It is great to see the new schools up and running. Now we hope that the town will see fit to support the new senior center. The senior population is continually growing and lack of space at the present center makes it very difficult to accommodate all or add new programs. I hope residents attend Town Meeting on April 25 and 26 and vote for the new senior center. I hope it will be a high priority.

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Keller becomes world heroine

Helen Keller became blind and deaf as a child. Anne Sullivan was hired to teach her. Last week you met Helen and Anne. Anne taught Helen to finger spell the word "doll." The second word Anne taught Helen was "cake." Helen could repeat the finger movements but did not understand what they meant. Anne had her work cut out. Helen behaved very badly. She ate with her hands from the plates of everyone at the table. Anne and Helen moved to a small cottage in order to get Helen under control. Anne tried to get Helen to use table manners, brush her own hair and button her shoes. Helen threw temper tantrums. For punishment Anne refused to "talk" with Helen by spelling words on her hands. After a month Helen's behavior started to get better and she and Anne started to bond. On April 5, 1887 Ann and Helen walked down a path to the well. In Helen's words, "someone was drawing water and my teacher placed my hand under the spout. As the cool stream gushed over one hand she spelled into the other the word water. I stood still, and suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten, a thrill of returning thought, and somehow the mystery of language was revealed to me." Within the next few hours Helen learned thirty new words. From then on Helen's progress was astonishing. Anne taught Helen to read, with raised letters and then with Braille, and to write with both

ordinary and Braille typewriters. In 1900 Helen registered at Radcliffe College, the first deaf-blind person to enroll at a college. She graduated in 1904, the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. Helen went on to write books, lecture and raise funds for the American Foundation for the Blind. Several movies were made about Helen's life. In 1953, a documentary film about her life, "The Unconquered," won an Academy Award as the best feature length documentary. "The Miracle Worker," a drama about Helen's life, appeared as a television and Broadway play. In 1962 it was produced as a film. The actresses playing Helen and Anne both won Oscars for their performances. In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson gave Helen the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. On June 1, 1968, Helen died at her home in Westport, Connecticut. Helen's life would have been different today. With modern technology she might have been able to realize her dream to speak. She could communicate with anybody in the world via the computer and Internet. Surgery and implants might have restored her hearing. In Helen's words: "The public must learn that the blind man is neither genius nor a freak nor an idiot. He has a mind that can be educated, a hand which can be trained, ambitions which it is right for him to strive to realize, and it is the duty of the public to help him make the best of himself so that he can win light through work." Helen showed millions of people that disability need not be the end of the world.

American Sign Language Alphabet

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Class activity

1. Find simple words in your paper and try to fingerspell the word.
2. Read an obituary for Helen Keller using the information you have learned over the last two weeks.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

(Home Games at Aumais Field)

APRIL

- 5 — Revere, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)
7 — at Wakefield Tournament vs. Wakefield, 3:45 p.m. (Walsh Field), non-league
9 — at Wakefield Tournament, vs. either Beverly or Saugus, time TBA (Walsh Field), non-league
15 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
20 — Tewksbury, 11 a.m.
22 — at Chelmsford, 2 p.m. (Ayotte Field)
24 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
27 — at Dracut, 3:30 p.m. (Dracut High)
29 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Stoklosa/Alumni Field)

MAY

- 2 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
4 — at Haverhill, 7 p.m. (Haverhill Stadium)
7 — at Masconomet Regional, 1 p.m. (non-league)
9 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Lawrence home team @ Andover)
12 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack College)
16 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
18 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m. (Pelham Street)
25 — at Revere, 3:45 p.m.
28 — at Lawrence Tournament, 4 p.m. vs. North Andover/Pentucket Regional winner (non-league)
29 — at Lawrence Tournament, opponent and Time TBA (non-league)

Head Coach: Ken Maglio (13th year, record 172-99).

Varsity Assistant: Kevin Rourke.

JV Coach: Dan Grams.

Record Last Year: 17-6.

SOFTBALL

APRIL

- 8 — Everett, 3:45 p.m. (non-league)
11 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m., non-league (Memorial Field)
13 — North Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
15 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
20 — at Dracut, 11 a.m.
22 — Lawrence, 11 a.m.
25 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. (Birchmeadow)
27 — Nazareth Academy/Wakefield, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
29 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

- 2 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
4 — at Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
6 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Martin Field)
9 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
11 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m. (Hayden-Schofield Playstead)
12 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Merrimack College)
21 — at Methuen Tournament, opponent & time TBA (non-league)
22 — at Methuen Tournament, opponent & time TBA (non-league)
23 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
26 — at Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: Stephanie Ragucci (9th year, career record 87-83).

JV Coach: Betty Iannuccilli.

Record Last Year: 14-7

BOYS LACROSSE

(Home Games at Shawsheen & Lovely Fields)

APRIL

- 5 — at Algonquin Regional/Northboro, 4 p.m. (non-league)
8 — Chelmsford, 4 p.m.
12 — Lincoln-Sudbury, 4 p.m. (non-league)
15 — Haverhill, 4 p.m.

- 18 — at North Andover, 7 p.m. (non-league)
21 — at Lexington, 1 p.m. (non-league)
26 — Tyngsboro, 4 p.m.
29 — at Billerica, 4 p.m. (Lampson Field)

MAY

- 3 — at Concord-Carlisle, 4 p.m. (non-league)
6 — at Chelmsford, 4 p.m. (Simonian/Alumni Stadium)
9 — at Tewksbury, 4 p.m. (Doucette Stadium)
11 — Billerica, 4 p.m.
17 — at Lowell, 4 p.m. (Cawley Complex)
19 — Central Catholic, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
21 — at Acton-Boxboro, 4 p.m., non-league (Leary Field)
26 — at Franklin, 4 p.m. (non-league)
Head Coach: Wayne Puglisi (7th year, record 57-43).

Varsity Assistant: Matt James.

JV Coach: Doug Chemovetz.

Freshman Coach: Brandon Wilson.

Record Last Year: 11-8

GIRLS LACROSSE

(Home Games at Doherty Middle & Lovely Field)

APRIL

- 9 — at Ipswich, 10 a.m. (non-league)
12 — Masconomet Regional/Topsfield, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
14 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. (Simonian/Alumni Stadium)
15 — at Framingham, 4 p.m. (non-league)
20 — at Algonquin Regional/Northboro, 4 p.m. (non-league)
22 — North Andover, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
26 — Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
28 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m. (Doucette Stadium)
30 — Concord-Carlisle, 6:30 p.m., non-league (Lovely Field)

MAY

- 3 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
5 — at Billerica, 7 p.m. (Marshall Middle School)
10 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
17 — Billerica, 7 p.m. (Lovely Field)
19 — at Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m. (Pierce Field)
21 — at North Andover, 7 p.m.
24 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Cawley Complex)
26 — Concord-Carlisle, 5:30 p.m., non-league (Lovely Field)

Head Coach: John McVeigh (1st year)

JV Coach: Sue Rogers.

Record Last Year: 16-5.

BOYS TENNIS

(Home Games at AHS courts)

APRIL

- 7 — Reading, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
11 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
15 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
25 — at St. John's Prep/Danvers, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
27 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
29 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

- 2 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
4 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
6 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
16 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
20 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
24 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
26 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Mike Wartman (21st year, career record 342-48).

Record Last Year: 16-2.

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GIRLS TENNIS

(Home Games at AHS courts)

APRIL

- 13 — at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
15 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
25 — Notre Dame Academy/Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.
27 — Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
29 — Lynnfield, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)

MAY

- 2 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
4 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
6 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
9 — at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
11 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
19 — Boston Latin, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
20 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
24 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
26 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach: David Hughes (2nd year, career record 21-1).

Record Last Year: 21-1.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

(Home Matches at Dunn Gym)

APRIL

- 4 — Lawrence, 4 p.m.
6 — Methuen, 4 p.m.
11 — Chelmsford, 4 p.m.
13 — at Billerica, 4 p.m. (James Gym)
15 — Central Catholic, 4 p.m.
18 — at Dracut, 4 p.m.
20 — Westford Academy, 4 p.m.
21 — at Phillips Academy, 3:45 p.m.
22 — at Haverhill, 5:30 p.m.
25 — Lowell, 4 p.m.
27 — St. John's Prep/Danvers, 4 p.m.
29 — Billerica, 4 p.m.

MAY

- 2 — at Central Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
4 — at Lawrence, 4 p.m.
6 — Dracut, 4 p.m.
9 — at Westford Academy, 4 p.m.
11 — at Methuen, 4 p.m.
12 — at Lowell, 4 p.m.
18 — at Chelmsford, 6:30 p.m. (Conrad Gym)
19 — Haverhill (5:30 p.m.)
23 — at St. John's Prep/Danvers, 5:30 p.m.
Head Coach: George Sullivan (17th year, career record 227-110).

JV Coach: Kayleen McNulty.

Record Last Year: 11-11.

BOYS TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

APRIL

- 12 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Haverhill Invitational, 10 a.m.
20 — at Merrimack Valley Conference (MVC) Relays, 9:30 a.m. (Cawley Stadium, Lowell)
27 — Dracut & Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at State Coaches Relays, site & time TBA

MAY

- 4 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
6 — MVC Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 3:30 p.m. (at Cawley Stadium, Lowell)
11 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
14 — Andover Boosters Invitational, 10 a.m.
17 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Veterans Memorial Stadium)
21 — at MVC Championship Meet, 4 p.m. (Cawley Stadium, Lowell)
26 — MVC Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
28 — State Class A Meet, 10 a.m. (Lovely Field)

JUNE

- 4 — at All-State Meet, 9 a.m. (site TBA)

- 11 — at New England Championship Meet, 9 a.m. (TBA)

Head Coach: Peter Comeau (7th year).
Assistant Coaches: Art Iworsley, Brenda Clark-Warne, Phil Capodilupo, Craig Hartwell, Todd Collins, Mike Marcinonous.

Record Last Year: 5-2.

GIRLS TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

APRIL

- 12 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Tewksbury Invitational, 10 a.m.
20 — at Merrimack Valley Conference (MVC) Relays, 9:30 a.m. (Cawley Stadium, Lowell)
27 — Dracut & Phillips Academy, 3:30 p.m.
30 — at State Coaches Relays, site & time TBA

MAY

- 4 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
7 — MVC Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 9 a.m. (at Haverhill Stadium)
11 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
14 — Andover Boosters Invitational, 10 a.m.
17 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m. (Veterans Memorial Stadium)
21 — at MVC Championship Meet, 4 p.m. (Cawley Stadium, Lowell)
26 — MVC Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
28 — State Class A Meet, 10 a.m. (Lovely Field)

JUNE

- 4 — at All-State Meet, 9 a.m. (site TBA)
11 — at New England Championship Meet, 9 a.m. (TBA)
Head Coach: Peter Comeau (7th year).
Assistant Coaches: Art Iworsley, Brenda Clark-Warne, Phil Capodilupo, Craig Hartwell, Todd Collins, Mike Marcinonous.

Record Last Year: 6-1.

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

(Home Games at West Middle School)

APRIL

- 15 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
20 — at Tewksbury, 11 a.m.
22 — Chelmsford, 11 a.m.
25 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
27 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
29 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

- 2 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
4 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
9 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Rich Robinson.

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL

(Home Games at West Middle School)

APRIL

- 15 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
20 — at Tewksbury, 11 a.m.
22 — Chelmsford, 11 a.m.
25 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
27 — Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
29 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

MAY

- 2 — at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
4 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
9 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
11 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
12 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
16 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
18 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
Coach: Dick Loschi.



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BOOK REVIEW

Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure

BY P. B. KERR

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This week, 15-year-old Andover residents John and James review a book for those 10 and older who enjoy suspenseful novels about fantasy and mystery.

John and Philippa Gaunt are 12-year-old twins who live in the upper east side of Manhattan. Their parents' friends often comment on how different they look, but on the inside they are nearly identical.



On the first day of summer vacation every year, Mrs. Gaunt takes John and Philippa to the dentist. Every year the happiness caused by their release from school is overshadowed by this fabled trip to the dentist. This year is no exception.

John goes first, and it is discovered that his wisdom teeth are impacted, and are in need of removal. This would not have been so strange if he were about six years older. But he is the youngest kid to ever have wisdom teeth – that is, until his sister (who is younger than him by 10 minutes) plops into the dentist chair. She, too, has fully grown wisdom teeth in need of removal!

From this day forth, strange things begin to happen. A strange crack appears in John's mirror, identical to a picture of a crack in a wall in Egypt that was caused by an earthquake. Then, once they have their wisdom teeth removed, things get even stranger. They both grow an inch and a half in less than a week. John, whom Philippa used to call "zit boy," doesn't have a single pimple on his face. Their father seems to become almost afraid of them, and gives them nearly anything they ask for, and some things they don't. Their mother knows exactly what is going on, but won't tell them.

One thing is for sure, something is changing in their lives, something big.

This book is an excellent read for anyone, but we recommend this book most of all for kids ages 9 to 12. It caters to those who like fantasy, but at times feels like a mystery novel. Its twists and turns are decipherable, yet confusing enough to make it very interesting.

We give *The Akhenaten Adventure* a nine out of 10. It is written in a smooth, fluid style that, at times, makes the reader forget that it is not a movie. *The Akhenaten Adventure* is the first in the *Children of the Lamp* series.

We look forward to seeing more children's books from P.B. Kerr. Kerr has written several adult best-sellers, but this is his debut in the world of kids' books, and it is a very good debut at that.

So head down to a local bookstore today for a copy of *The Akhenaten Adventure*. Like John and Philippa, the copies are nearly identical on the inside, and full of surprises.

ON CAMPUS

The University of Connecticut announced the students who were named to the dean's list for the fall semester, including two Andover students: **Andrew Sutherland Haak**, 3 Peach Tree Path; and **Mary Elizabeth Nolan**, 27 Johnson Road.

To make the dean's list at UConn, students must be taking at least 12 credits, finish the semester with a grade-point average that is among the top 25 percent of students enrolled in their school or college, and have no grade lower than a "C."

Vivianne Catherine Crossley, the daughter of Geoffrey A. Crossley of Andover, was awarded a degree with a major in business administration from Flagler College. Crossley is a 2001 graduate of Andover High School. At the fall commencement ceremony held Dec. 11, 149 seniors graduated at the ceremony on the college campus in St. Augustine, Fla.

Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., recently announced the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester.

Included on the dean's list are the following Andover students: **Mariah Baron**, a junior psychology major; **Justin Cherny**, a sophomore biology major; and **Jessica Taylor**, a senior graphic design communications major.

Students who completed 12 or more credits per semester and earned a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the dean's list for that semester.

The following students were named to the Quinnipiac University dean's list for the fall 2004 semester in Hamden, Conn.: **Jeffrey Rabinovitz**, **Claire Rosenberg**, **Brittany Roy**, **Jason Shoemaker**, **Brittany Wadbrook** and **Richard Williams**.

Students who excel in scholarship by earning a grade-point average of at least 3.0 with no grade lower than C are recognized by being placed on the dean's list at Quinnipiac.

Zhe Lu of Andover, son of Xiaoming Lu and Dr. Jian Ren was named to the honor list of Oxford College, the two-year liberal arts division of Emory University located in Oxford, Ga., for the fall semester.

Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher to be named to the honor list.

William Robert Lindmark of Andover was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

Undergraduate students earning a 3.0 or higher academic average for the quarter gain the distinction of being named to the dean's list at Georgia Tech.

Lafayette College students named to the 2004 fall semester dean's list in Easton, Pa. include **Melissa Catherine Carpentier** of Andover, a member of the class of 2007.

Each student on the dean's list achieved at least a 3.45 semester grade-point average out of a possible 4.0.

PAC pulls the plug on its Casino Night

Fundraiser-fatigue sets in as parents are weary of paying user fees, buying supplies

By Rita Savard

STAGNANT TICKET SALES forced Andover High's Parent Advisory Council to fold its second annual Casino Night fund-raiser tomorrow night, Friday.

PAC leaders say that canceling the group's largest money maker, which drew in about \$20,000 last year to help sustain high school clubs, is an indication that parents' pockets have finally "dried up" – making the school budget situation appear even bleaker.

"Just because Casino Night didn't fly, doesn't mean that people are any less committed," explained Diane Costagliola, co-president of the Andover High PAC. "But when you keep on going back to the till, people just get worn out."

Last year, parents in all of the town's 10 schools collectively raised nearly \$1 million for school programs and supplies through user fees and fund-raisers, but this year the level of support has fallen dramatically, PAC and PTO leaders say.

In addition to pulling the plug on Casino Night, AHS PAC members say a letter-writing campaign that last year brought in \$14,000 for school programs netted only \$4,100 this year.

An annual Krispy Kreme fund-raising event that collected \$1,500 for school spending last year left about 600 dozen doughnuts piled in the high school's main office in January, says Ellen Travers, co-president of Andover High PAC.

"It's almost a 'perfect storm' situation," Travers says. "Parents are still dishing out funds for necessities like busing, parking and athletics, on top of donating the money to keep clubs and other school programs alive. When you keep going back to the same small population over and over again, it's not difficult to understand why these people simply cannot continue to donate at the level we've been asking them to."

Andover High hosts about 35 clubs for teens, ranging from chess and math to mock trial and debate. Travers now fears that the lack of money available to pour into after-school activities will ultimately cause the clubs to disappear.

"I don't know where this is going to go," adds Travers. "And I can only think of about three options: One is that the extra money we need is funded through the budget; two, that the School Committee (members) look parents in the eye and say, 'We're going to impose another fee,' or, say that there will be no clubs next year."



Last school year, Andover High parents, including Ellen and Jim Bedford, and John McDonald, stepped up to a blackjack table staffed by teacher and basketball coach Dave Fazio (at right). The December 2003 Casino Night and Auction, held at Indian Ridge Country Club, raised money for AHS clubs. Below left: Selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts was another money-maker for the schools. From left are Zach Bardeau, Matt Liffmann and Nick Bardeau at a West Middle School PAC fund-raising table. Below right: Vamsikarthik Sannapureddy of the AHS Ping Pong Club returns a serve. The club was one of many that benefited from fund-raising events.



According to Travers and Costagliola, the high school's PAC membership is down 20 percent this year – another contributing factor to this year's dropoff in donations.

Membership dues in conjunction with fund-raising events helped to garner approximately \$17,000 that went toward school supplies and teacher training, says Costagliola. Tissues and disinfectant wipes, math flashcards, poster board, pens and pencils are some of the items that remain posted on Andover High's Wish List for supplies in demand. (The full list can be viewed at www.aps1.net/ahs.)

Such items are annual contributions that are paid for out-of-pocket by parents and teachers in all of the town's public schools.

Denise Holmes, principal of

West Middle School, said West Middle's community of teachers and parents, like those in schools throughout Andover, usually finds itself making up for budget shortfalls.

"We may have kids in school who cannot buy their own supplies and very often teachers will make up for that in a confidential way that doesn't single out or embarrass those students," Holmes said earlier in the school year.

West Middle's PTO also makes a certain amount of money available to individual teachers so they can buy items the budget wouldn't otherwise allow them to purchase. Money can also be used for materials teachers want to have for special projects, but can't acquire through the school department due to the budget freeze.

"There's really nothing in the budget that allows us to buy Kleenex, so with little things like that, parents enable us to help the kids," Holmes says. "Whether it's Kleenex, safety, or colored pencils, together, teachers and parents are the caring community of adults that surrounds the students, provides for them and takes care of them."

But once fund-raisers can't generate enough support, PAC members say that should raise a warning flag for town officials and the community.

To cash in on Casino Night this year, AHS PAC needed at least 150 participants, paying \$50 per ticket. That would have covered the cost of food and activities. Profits for the school would have been raised directly through the silent auction items, which proved successful after last year's event. PAC members were hoping for a similar turnout.

Instead, PAC leaders are returning about 100 checks to parents who already paid to attend the Friday night fund-raiser at the Andover Country Club. Travers says the school's parent organization is also trying to figure out what to do with some of the donated items, including box seats to a U2 concert at the Fleet-Center and tickets to see the New England Patriots play the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Parents are hoping the issue will prompt the town manager and selectmen to take a closer look into the school's dire budget situation before denying additional funds this year that could keep down fees and prevent programs from collapsing.

"The message here is clear," Costagliola says. "Parents have over-extended themselves. There comes a point when people say, 'How much more can we do? And, if we keep on doing it, are we always going to be expected to do it?'"

YOUTH WANT TO KNOW



On Tuesday, March 29, Sanborn School hosted a social studies seminar entitled "The Future Begins Here." The one-day program featured music, historical characters and local politicians. Some of the members of the afternoon panel included, from left: Debra Silberstein, School Committee; Claudia Bach, superintendent of schools; and Joanne Marden, Finance Committee. Bach explained why students have to make up snow days.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Students named to Phillips Academy winter honor roll

Phillips Academy has announced the names of local students on the honor roll for the winter term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale.

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Matthew Brennan
Stephen Chang
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Stephen Staczynski
Hang Xu

Jiyuan Zhu

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Christina Coravos
Matthew Cranney
Lydia Dallett
Veda Eswarappa
Sarah Gordon
Katherine Iannarone
Paul McCarthy
Conor McKinnon
Lucian Neville
John Nugent
Michael Palermo

Kaitlin Picard
Daniel Pouliot
Sophie Scolnik-Brower
Amberly Tenney
Anne Tucker
Matthew Turiano
Jordan Zanazzi
Katherine Zimmerman

In addition, Christopher M. Adams '07 was previously omitted from the fall 2004 honor roll list supplied by the school.

St. John's Prep honor roll

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2004-05 school year. Students who qualified for the headmaster's list earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the principal's list earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the honor roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following Andover students were named to the headmaster's list for the second quarter: **Robert H. Bradley '06, Peter Casey '08, Christopher Gibson '06, Daniel Ravens '05, Timothy Smith '06 and Geoffrey Wuehrmann '05.**

The following Andover students were named to the principal's list: **Samuel Rauseo '07, Richard Sawyer '06 and Dante Smith '08.**

The following Andover students were named to the honor roll: **Stephen Chan '07, Evan Cooke '06 and Christopher McDonough '08.**

Pike School to host annual educators' conference

Next Thursday, April 7, Pike School will host its annual educators' conference. Peggy McIntosh, author of "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack," will lead a daylong, interactive workshop for elementary and middle school educators in public, Catholic and independent schools.

"White privilege is like an invisible, weightless knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports, code books, visas, clothes, tools and blank checks," says Dr. McIntosh.

In the morning she will discuss race, gender and class privilege and lead an exploration of how privilege systems undermine educational ideals. The workshop will look at what can be learned from unpacking and analyzing these experiences, seeing power systemically and using what one learns to improve education for all students and teachers.

In the afternoon, reflection on personal experiences will be at the heart of interactive, small group discussions. McIntosh will illustrate her theory of Five Interactive Phases of Curricular

and Personal Re-Vision, with regard to race, ethnicity and gender. Participants will then be invited to discuss the ways in which this phase theory bears on (or does not bear on) their own current or past experiences of education and of life.

McIntosh is associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, and is founder and co-director of the United States SEED Project on Inclusive Curriculum (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity). She consults widely in the United States and throughout the world with college and school faculty who are creating more gender-fair and multicultural curricula.

John Waters, head of Pike School, said "We are excited about this opportunity for educators from many schools to come together as learners. It is also an excellent opportunity to foster connections among teachers in this area. Giving teachers the opportunity to meet one another will hopefully promote a local network that will be beneficial to all participants."

For further information, call 978-475-1197.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 4-8:

Elementary schools

Monday: Fried chicken with corn and cranberry sauce, pizza stick with soft pretzel, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, Trix Day, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meatballs with roll, baked chicken nuggets, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Sloppy Joes with green beans and fries, bakery pizza, nachos with taco meat and cheese, pita pocket with ham, fruit, veggie, pudding pops and milk.

Thursday: Toasted cheese with fries, french toast sticks with potato pancakes, hot dog with fries, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Beef burritos with rice, slice of pizza, baked chicken nuggets, chicken caesar salad, fruit, veggie and milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches with chips, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak with potato and green beans, bakery pizza, chicken McSchool, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Two beefy burritos with salsa, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken caesar salad,

fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken with mashed potato and corn on the cob, bakery pizza, cheeseburger with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Two Philly steak jammers with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, pita pocket, fruit, veggie, brownies and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Two tacos with salsa, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Roast pork dinner, rotini and meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Beef dipper over rice, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Meatloaf with potato and green beans, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger with chips, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food: the Collins Center Café: Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

AFS community recognizes, celebrates its host parents

AFS host families are recognized in March for their contribution to fostering global understanding and international friendships that last a lifetime.

This month celebrates an annual occasion where the families of the area are recognized for opening their homes to the AFS school exchange students.

The Salzman/Kempster family of Holt Road in Andover has hosted Prapatsone (June) Chongkavit, a student from Thailand attending Andover High School for the academic year.

In the past two years, Andover has been the host for eight students from countries



AFS exchange student June Chongkavit from Thailand with her host sisters Micala, Alina, and Sasha Kempster.

including Germany, Brazil, France, Thailand, and China. Many host families retain

their friendships over a lifetime. These families are forging strong ties between their community and the world.

AFS is a worldwide organization founded in 1947 by the World War I and II volunteer ambulance drivers of the American Field Service. Since then, the organization has grown to include more than 500,000 participating families and students. AFS provides a semester- or year-long international exchange experience to high school students.

For information on becoming a host family or participating in AFS, contact Kay Grace at 978-475-7074.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

April Fools' Day Surprise

(Fish en Papillote)

MOST PEOPLE ASSOCIATE HOLIDAYS and celebrations with traditional and specialty foods. On Thanksgiving we gobble turkey, on Passover we pass over bread and eat matzoh, on Easter we have ham and on our birthdays we bake cakes. But when it comes to this first day of April, no traditional food exists. Perhaps it's time to change that.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Terry Kay Bargar

While April 1 isn't truly a holiday, it is a ritual, a rite of passage, an excuse to act foolish and play silly tricks. In America children exclaim, "April fool!" when playing a practical joke on this unusual day. In France, the enfants cry, "Poisson d'Avril!" literally meaning "Fish of April." Why fish? That's a long story, and I will attempt a condensed version. Who knew that a cooking article would contain a history lesson?

Most holidays occur on a fixed date on the calendar. Centuries ago the calendar was different from modern times. Folks used the Julian calendar to keep track of the 10 months of the year. Each year began on April 1, about a week after the spring's vernal equinox. The Church annually calculated the date for Easter and inserted it into the calendar, but due to basic problems with the calendar (astronomically speaking) the date kept slipping backwards, earlier and earlier in the season, until Easter was being celebrated not in the spring but in the winter. So several popes, kings and queens attempted to redesign the calendar. Pope Gregory XIII successfully changed it in 1582, shifting the beginning of the year to Jan. 1, regrouping the days into 12 months and, all in all, causing chaos for quite a few decades. This new calendar more precisely reflected the Earth's orbit around the sun and the correct phases of the moon. Officials were able to easily determine the date for Easter; they produced a table that still is in use today. But let's face facts. Embracing any new system is difficult; convincing every country on the entire planet to adjust is simply crazy. Most countries hesitated to embrace the Gregorian calendar. China, in fact, didn't accept it until 1949. Even more foolish is that the French government jumped the gun and adopted an early draft in 1564. Many French people refused to accept this change and called the revisionists "April fools."

And now from fools to fish: Legends abound! One story is that the common practice was for fishermen to ceremoniously present the first herring and other sea fish to the king or queen on the first day of the year. Since April 1 was the first day of the year, the fish, or in France, the "poisson," was given on that day. Another theory on the legend of Poisson d'Avril is the reproductive season for fish begins in the early spring, around April 1. Streams swarm with schools of fish. Easily caught, the fish are tossed into waiting baskets or back into the water. Never is it simpler to catch a fish than in early April, hence, the "Fish of April."

In honor of April 1 and "Poisson d'Avril" I'm cooking fish en papillote. En papillote (pronounced "on PAH-pee-YOTE"), translated from French, means "in an envelope." This fish is steamed in parchment paper, allowing for an April 1 surprise when opened. It cooks quickly and yields an aromatic and moist meal. It is a light, low-calorie, low-fat dish with a lovely and delicate taste. The biggest surprise is that clean up is a breeze, allowing the family chef time to fish for compliments!

FISH EN PAPILLOTE BASIC RECIPE:

- 6 ounces fish fillet per person (sole, trout, haddock, halibut, scrod, etc.)
- 1 small sprig fresh dill per person (may substitute other savory fresh herbs, such as marjoram, parsley or tarragon, or any combination of herbs)
- 1 large shallot, minced, divided (may substitute a small onion)
- 1 lemon, cut into thin slices (1 slice per person)
- a sprinkle of Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper on each fillet
- 1 carrot, cut into thin strips or slices, divided
- 1 red pepper, cut into thin strips, divided
- 1 fennel bulb, cut into thin strips (may substitute celery)
- a drizzle of olive oil
- parchment paper or aluminum foil

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

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One of two Destination Imagination teams from Doherty Middle School, this creative group includes, from left, Adam Vetere, Aly Formichella, Courtney Casper, Ben Van Doren and Mark Vetere. The seventh-grade team performs its Radio Show entry, "Maxanne the Lazy Superhero."

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Call the problem-solvers!

'Maxanne the Lazy Super Hero' makes the cut – Doherty's DI team one of 8 from Andover in state finals

By Judy Wakefield

THE CHALLENGE WAS THIS: Come up with an eight-minute skit centered on a live radio-show theme. Focus on the artistic and technical strengths of the participants. Oh, and make sure the lead character is eccentric.

The brains of the five middle-schoolers presented with the challenge kicked into gear. Someone started humming the song, *Roxanne*, while two other kids who do gymnastics started doing back flips. Another pal put his artistic skill as a musician to work. Two of the kids who love theater and dance played that up.

Voila – *The Adventures of Maxanne the Lazy Super Hero* was born. While the eight-minute performance is a hoot, it's also a great example of how five seventh-graders at Doherty Middle School who

really did not know each other worked together to address a challenge.

It's all part of Destination Imagination, a popular club-type program that attracted some 200 Andover kids of all ages to participate this year.

Known as DI, it is an activity where thinking, creative problem-solving and working together reigns.

"They all shared one thing in common, a love for creative problem-solving," said Duane Lowenstein of Andover, who serves as DI coordinator in town. "The teams made solutions to open-ended challenges that they had worked on for up

to six months."

Lowenstein said DI took over Andover High School for a regional tournament on Sunday, March 13, and Andover was well represented by 24 teams, ranging from preschool- to high school-age. Eight of the teams, including the Doherty team that performed the "Radio Live" skit, have advanced to the Massachusetts Designation Imagination (MADI) State Finals, which will be held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Saturday, April 2.

"It's all about thinking on your feet and

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"We all put in our random humor and as a team decide what stays and what goes."

ALY FORMICHELLA,
A MEMBER OF THE DOHERTY
DESTINATION IMAGINATION
TEAM

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the split between the two towns

Who rules? Andover or North Andover?

By Andy Smith

The gauntlet has been thrown.

North Andover Selectmen Chairwoman Rosemary C. Smedile is calling for a softball showdown to end the 150-year battle over which is the superior town – North Andover or Andover.

Andover Town Moderator Jim Doherty says bring it on.

"We'll knock their socks off," he joked yesterday.

The game is actually being proposed as one way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the split between the two towns after coexisting as one for 209 years.

The idea to commemorate the split came from Doherty as well as Andover selectmen Chairman Brian Major and Andover Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski. Major called Smedile on Monday with the proposition. Planning is in such an early stage that no dates have been set for the event.

"We'd like to do something to benefit both communities," Major said. "Some activity that raises money to build up a trust fund for both communities or just an activity like a dinner."

Major said one possibility would be a dinner at Merrimack College since the school is right on the border of the two towns. He said he hopes to get a big name involved with the commemoration – such as Phillips Academy alumni President George W. Bush; his father, President George H.W. Bush; or Andover natives and television personalities Michael Chiklis or Jay Leno.

Smedile said "some good old-fashioned fun" between the two towns is a "great idea."

"A really fun dinner dance or ball would be a lot of fun," she said. "But I'd like to challenge them on the softball field. I'll put my guys up against their guys any day."

And where would the game take place?

North Andover, of course, according to Smedile.

"The settlements all began here, so the face-off should be where it all began. We're laying down the challenge right now," she said.

The two communities parted ways in 1855 when Andover bought the town name that year for \$500 and a fire truck, according to the North Andover Historical Society.

In 1642, Andover's first English settlers built their home near today's North Parish Church at Osgood Street and Academy Road in North Andover. In the late 1600s, people in the southern part of town grew tired of the long trip north to church and Town Meeting.

The town split into the North and South parishes in 1708.

The official decision to divide the community came at Town Meeting in 1854 with a 408-102 vote in favor of the split.

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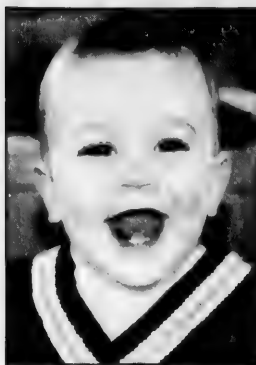


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FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Ryan Joseph
Radulski

Ryan Joseph Radulski turned 1 on March 22. He is the son of Peter and Nicole Radulski of North Andover. Grandparents are Walter and Rosemary Radulski of North Andover (formerly of Andover), Virginia Healy-Tangney of Duxbury and the late Joseph Tangney of Milton. Great-grandparents are Lawrence and Virginia Healy of Rosindale. Ryan enjoys playing with his brother, Peter John, 3. Ryan loves crawling, climbing, chasing his dog, Sparky, taking a bath, and reading "Pat the Bunny," his favorite story.



Alyssa Jean
Mazzocchi

Alyssa Jean Mazzocchi turned 1 on March 24. She is the daughter of Julie and Rich Mazzocchi of Haverhill Street. Grandparents are Shirley and Rich Mazzocchi of Hudson, Mass., Edward Gowen of Greenland, N.H. and Diane Gowen of Rotonda West, Fla. Great-grandparents are Mary and George Gowen of Osprey, Fla. Alyssa is a very happy girl who loves her big sister, Caitlyn, 3, her dog Murphy, and her kitty cats Sadie and Kasey. She loves pushing her doll carriage around the house with her big sister.



Matthew Thomas
D'Ortona

Matthew Thomas D'Ortona celebrated his first birthday on March 11. He is the son of Robert and Kelly D'Ortona of Nashua, N.H. Grandparents are Pete and Jessie O'Shea of Andover, and Robert and Beverly D'Ortona of Pembroke. Great-grandmother is Jeanette O'Shea of Deerfield, N.H. Matthew loves sports and his sister Colleen, 21, and brothers, Daniel, 19, Jon, 6, and Peter, 2.



Amy Michelle
Cain

Amy Michelle Cain turned 1 on March 22. She is the daughter of Ken and Danielle Cain of Andover. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Friel of Groveland, and Ken and Carline Cain of Barrington, N.H. Great-grandparents are Charles Friel of Andover, Edith de Lyon of Centerville, and Shirley Lehnman of Lewiston, Mont. Amy loves to hug, push her shopping cart, and play with her big sister, Sarah.



Ella Grace
Bergschneider

Ella Grace Bergschneider celebrated her first birthday on March 9. She is the loving daughter of Dan and Catherine Bergschneider of Haverhill. She brings joy to grandparents Robert and Kate Allard of Andover and Diane Bergschneider of Bayside, Wis. She enjoys looking at picture books and going for rides in her stroller.



Timothy Edward
Haarmann III

Timothy Edward Haarmann III celebrated his first birthday March 28. He is the son of Cara Iacobucci and Tim Haarmann of Maple Avenue. His grandparents are Tim and Ronnie Haarmann of Wyncroft Circle and Richard and Nancy Iacobucci of Lincoln, R.I. Timothy has a huge smile and loves to play with his dog, Pablo.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22 AT 5 P.M.**

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

~ 2005 KEY DATES ~

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| Apr. 28 | Apr. 22 |
| May 26 | May 20 |
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| Oct. 27 | Oct. 21 |
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BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, are eligible to have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally be published in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a first birthday in April will be published in the April 28 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 22 (see box).

Photos received after the deadline will not be published. Similarly, first birthday photos older than the current month also will not be published. Births are printed the first Thursday of the month.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Massage Therapy: Another great winter offering is our on-site massage therapist who is here on Monday mornings by appointment. Just \$12 for a 20-minute treatment. If the winter weather is aggravating to your neck, shoulders, back, etc., massage could prove to be therapeutic. Call the center at 978-623-8321 for an appointment.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will be on Monday, April 11 at 1 p.m. when we will show the recent hit *Shall We Dance* starring Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon and Jennifer Lopez.

Podiatry Clinics: Home Health VNA conducts two

monthly podiatry clinics at the center. Give us a call at 978-623-8321 for dates, times and appointments.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, April 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

Men's Breakfast: Our next men's breakfast will be held Friday, April 15 at 8:30 a.m. Couples are encouraged to attend this presentation by Detective Mark Higginbottom of the Andover Police Dept. Advance reservations (\$3) are necessary.

Book Club Discussion: The next book club discussion will take place Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. The selection will be *Shipping News* by Anne Proulx.

Copies of the book are available for checkout at the center, and everyone is welcome. No charge.

Tax Preparation: Trained tax volunteers will offer help to prepare simple tax returns. Call the center to make an appointment.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Join us tomorrow, Friday, April 1 at 9:30 a.m. for an informational forum on this growing issue. Rachelle Comtois, director of the Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, will be our presenter. She will be able to provide information, answer questions and provide valuable resources. There is no charge, but pre-registration would be appreciated. Contact Kristine Arakelian at the senior center.

E-mail Tutorials: Get individual help with specific e-mail problems. This is not a class and is not geared for beginners, but is meant to offer assistance for a specific issue with files or attachments. An adviser will be at the seniors' computer lab at Old Town Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m., working on a donation basis.

Parker's Maple Sugar House: We are currently accepting reservations for our April 25 trip to Parker's Maple Sugar House. The outing will include a sugar house tour, a choice of a complete lunch or breakfast, and a visit to the Corn Cob Gift Shop. Cost of the trip is \$32, which includes transportation. Menu selections are available at the center.

Beginners' Computer

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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon
Community service coordinator,
Memorial Hall Library



this month.

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

CULTURAL EVENTS

SWING AT THE HALL

Saturday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
(Rescheduled due to snowstorm)

WHITE HEAT SWING ORCHESTRA at Old Town Hall

Benny Goodman, George Gershwin, Glenn Miller and Cole Porter... You've heard their songs for decades, but until you've heard them from White Heat Swing Orchestra, you've probably never heard them as they were meant to be heard. This authentic swing band has recorded for Warner Brothers and Walt Disney and was the



COURTESY PHOTO

Swing at the Hall - The White Heat Swing Orchestra will play in concert at Old Town Hall on Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25, or \$20 for seniors, and are available at the library and at Andover Bookstore.

featured band in the soundtrack to the movie *Dick Tracy*.

Back again this year - dancing! Come to a free swing lesson at 6:30 taught by a professional swing dance instructor.

Tickets (\$25 each; \$20 for seniors) are available at Memorial Hall Library and Andover Bookstore. The event is a fund-raiser for the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m.

DIGITAL CAMERA WORKSHOP with Lori Shactman

This workshop is geared toward the new digital camera consumer. Lori Shactman will take away the stigma of digital camera ownership and bring people into the fun and memory-making they used to have with their film cameras.

This workshop will take the participants from learning more about the icons and menus of their cameras into printing options, and editing their images. We will cover how to remove red-eye, make their photos into watercolors, and how to reduce the size of their images for e-mail and eBay. The PowerPoint presentation and subsequent software presentation lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Shactman has been in the photo industry for 20 years. She has worked in photo labs, honing color



Lori Shactman

skills and correct printing techniques, to stepping behind the camera as a professional photographer. Shactman has been in the retail photography field for 12 years, selling cameras and giving advice to consumers. She has been an instructor for Ritz Camera University for two years and only recently gave it up due to time constraints managing the Ritz Camera at the Rockingham Mall in Salem, N.H.

Saturday, April 9, 2 p.m.

eBay BUYING & SELLING with Cliff McGann

Many people are still not utilizing the Internet's most popular online auction site, eBay. Cliff McGann uses it to save money and can teach anyone else to do the same as well as find that unique item they've been searching for at yard sales and estate sales. McGann has been an avid eBay user since 1998. As both a buyer and seller he knows the ins and outs of the most popular internet auction site like the back of his hand. Let his eBay experiences, both good and bad, teach you how to safely and effectively use eBay to save money.

FOR SENIORS

COMPUTER CLASS

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Class: The center will offer a four-week beginner's computer class beginning Tuesday, April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$40 and pre-registration is required. (Limited spaces.)

Computer Maintenance & Security Class: Come learn how to keep your computer "healthy" and to secure it from those ever-present threats that come via the Internet. Being "computer literate" is a requirement for this course. Four weeks beginning Thursday, April 7; limited spaces; pre-registration required; \$30.

Square Dance Group: We are in the process of forming a square dance group, open to anyone who is interested. The first session, with caller Patty Greene, will be held Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 at the door. Call Pat Becker at the center.

Seasonal Vegetarian Cooking: This one-session class will feature a cooking demo, lecture and taste testing focusing on delicious seasonal recipes for soups and salads. Presenter will be Betsy Beven, a professional chef and author of four vegetarian cookbooks. Cost is \$5.

Destination Imagination

IMAGINATION FETED

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working together and coming up with solutions," said Jo Formichella, a former teacher and mom-turned-DI-coach who opened her Salem Street home to the team on weekends and at least two days a week after school for the past several months.

"They did everything: sewed, made sets, painted," said Formichella, whose daughter Aly is on the team. "And there is no adult help."

The Doherty team, which also includes Ben Van Doren, twins Adam and Mark Vetere and Courtney Casper, agreed that artistic and technical skills are important, but believe it is their collective sense of humor that has kept the Maxanne storyline alive.

"I'm too lazy and don't like saving the day anymore," says Maxanne, who is played by theater buff Aly Formichella. "It's just not trendy to save the day anymore."

Rehearsing in her Wonder Woman-ish super hero costume that she made from green trash bags and duct tape, she said it is her first year in DI. She thinks the way it teaches kids to work out challenges together is terrific.

"We don't get mad at each other and we know we have to get along," she said. "We all put in our random humor and as a team decide what stays and what goes."

Judges saluted their energy at the regionals as this team placed second in the live radio challenge category. Not bad for a first-time entrant, they agreed.

An eighth-grade team from Doherty placed first at the regionals. The two Doherty teams will be joined by teams from these six other schools when they compete on Saturday:

- One team from Andover High;
- Three teams from Wood Hill Middle School;
- One team from South Elementary School; and
- One team from West Elementary School.

Lowenstein said kids had to participate in an Instant Challenge that put their teamwork skills to the test on the spot. That also will happen at the state tournament.

"We want to acknowledge all the students who wowed those present during the day," he said. "They should be proud of themselves."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

FISHING FOR APRIL FOOLS' DAY

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2. Cut parchment paper into approximately 12 X 12-inch squares, one square for each individual fish fillet. Fold each sheet of paper in half. Place the fish on one side of the parchment paper. Season with salt and pepper. Top each fish fillet with a bit of carrot, red pepper, fennel and shallot. Drizzle each piece with 1/2 teaspoon of olive oil. If you have herb-infused olive oil, lemon oil or mandarin oil then certainly try them out. They will add wonderful flavor.

3. Fold the parchment paper over the fish and veggies and crimp the edges together by making small folds. If you're using foil then just squeeze the foil tight. Make sure there's room in the packet for steam to collect. Spray the top of the parchment with a little cooking spray or rub a drop of olive oil over it; the oil helps seal the porous paper and allows more steam to build up inside the envelope. It also promotes browning of the paper. If using foil then there's no need for additional oil.

4. Place the papillotes on a cookie sheet and pop into a 375-degree oven for about 18 minutes. The parchment should puff up and be slightly browned.

5. Carefully place each envelope on an individual plate. Open carefully either by unsealing

the edges or cutting an "X" on the top. Ah, breathe in the wonderful scents and dig in! Bon appetit!

I think this delicious fish en papillote will start a trend in traditional April 1st meals, at least in my house!

NOTE: I use lighter, leaner white fish in this recipe, but sturdier fish, such as salmon, mackerel, tuna or swordfish may be used instead. I'd try stronger flavored herbs, since these fish have more potent flavor. How about finely minced scallions, ginger and a splash of soy sauce for an Asian accent? Try a combination of one fish fillet topped with a few shrimp, a clam, mussel, and crab leg, some saffron, onion, fennel, and 1/2 cup of tomato sauce; it's bouillabaisse en papillote! Be creative and enjoy this healthy cuisine.

This steaming technique works perfectly with poultry, too, but increase the cooking time to about 22 minutes for boneless breasts.

► The next **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** column will appear on April 21 during school vacation week. It's a meal designed especially for kids to make. My children dubbed this recipe "Hamburger Pizza," but it has no crust. It's good, fast, and easy - the three necessities when kids are in the kitchen.

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OBITUARIES

Joan F. Ardagna

Enjoyed her three grandchildren, traveling with her late husband

Joan F. (Grinkevicius) Ardagna, 72, of Andover, died Wednesday, March 23, at Lawrence General Hospital.



Joan F. Ardagna

She was formerly of South Lawrence. Born, raised and educated in Haverhill, she worked at Raytheon Co. in West Andover. She and her late husband enjoyed camping and traveling together. Her greatest enjoyments were those with her family.

She enjoyed watching her three grandchildren grow.

Recently, she watched the Andover Youth Foundation Telethon with them and made a donation in their name.

She was a member of the Andover Senior Center and St. Patrick's Church in South Lawrence.

She also enjoyed crocheting and was an avid reader.

She was the widow of Nicholas J. Ardagna Sr.

Members of her family include her son, Nicholas J. Ardagna Jr. and his wife, Gina (Sirois) Ardagna; three grandchildren, Nicholas III, Lucas and Natalie, all of Andover; sister, Josephine Dube of Atkinson, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Cora E. Minahan

Longtime Raytheon employee

Cora E. (Archambault) Minahan, 80, of Andover, died Sunday, March 27 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

She was employed by Raytheon of Andover for more than 26 years.

Born and raised in Methuen, Mrs. Minahan was educated in the Methuen and Lawrence

school systems.

She was a lifelong resident of greater Lawrence.

She attended St. Patrick's Church in Lawrence, and was a member of Local 1505 Electrical Workers, Raytheon Quaker Century Club, and the Methuen Senior Center.

She was the widow of Albert J. Minahan.

Members of her family include sons, Albert J. Minahan Jr. and his wife, Terri, and Charles W. Minahan and his wife, Suzanne, both of Methuen; daughter, Catherine N. Franz and her husband, William, of Salem, N.H.; sister, Ruth Simoes of New Town, Pa.; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, March 31 at 9 a.m. at St. Monica's Church in Methuen.

Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Methuen Senior Activity Center, 77 Lowell St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Esther J. Moody

Punchard '45 graduate

Esther J. (Hibbert) Moody, 77, died Saturday, March 19 in Largo, Fla.

She graduated from Punchard High School, class of 1945, and the McIntosh School of Business in Lawrence. Mrs. Moody also attended Essex Agricultural School in Danvers.

Members of her family include her sons, Bruce S. Moody and his wife, Suzanne, of Andover, and David W. Moody of Exeter, N.H.; sister and brother-in-law, Ethel and Tom Zocco of Shrewsbury; five grandchildren including Jessica and Matthew Moody of Andover; one great-grandchild; one niece; and one nephew.

Following cremation, a memorial service was held in Largo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, PO Box 9257, Boston, MA 02205-8626.

Janice A. Bernard

Andover native retired from Raytheon

Janice A. Bernard, 71, of Andover, died Friday, March 25 at Lawrence General Hospital.

She retired from Raytheon after 20 years of service.

Mrs. Bernard was born in Andover.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her husband, Joseph H. Bernard of Andover; daughters, Debra Swenson and her husband, Gary, of Haverhill, Stacey Barnes of Andover, and Kelley Savastano and her husband, Albert, of Lawrence; sons, Michael J. Bernard of Andover, Stephen Bernard of Haverhill, and Scott Bernard and his wife, Holly, of North Andover; sister, Patricia Brown of Andover; 16 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

John F. Broderick

Lifelong resident, well-known finish carpenter

John F. Broderick, 87, of Andover, died Monday, March 21, at Mariner Health Care in Methuen.

He was a self-employed finish carpenter serving many

DEATHS

Joan F. Ardagna, 72
Janice A. Bernard, 71
John F. Broderick, 87
Morris Davis, 87
Mildred C. Jones, 79
Gladys Keith, 80
Cora E. Minahan, 80
Esther J. Moody, 77
Rene J. Morissette, 72

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DAVIS — Morris Davis, 87, of Delray Beach, Fla., died Tuesday, March 22. Mr. Davis was a member of the Jewish Community Center and Temple Emanuel of Andover.
JONES — Mildred C. (Jones) Jones, 79, of North Andover, died Saturday, March 26 at Lawrence General Hospital. Members of her family include

her daughter, Dr. Pamela Jones and her partner, Dr. Felicia Smith, of Andover.

MORISSETTE — Rene J. Morissette, 72, of Methuen, died Tuesday, March 22 at home. Members of his family include his son, Gary G. Morissette and his wife, Sarah, of Andover.

Gladys Keith

Was executive secretary

Gladys (Martinson) Keith, 80, of Virginia Beach, Va. and formerly of Andover, died Sunday, March 27 in Virginia.

Before retiring, she was an executive secretary at Virginia Beach General Hospital.

She was born in Millville, Mass.

She was a Sunday school teacher for Talla Lynn Baptist Church and Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church for many years.

She was the widow of William J. Keith Jr., to whom she was married for 55 years.

Members of her family include her daughters, Ginger Boetcher and her husband, Ray, and Linda Smith, both of Vir-

ginia Beach, and Judy Wells and her husband, Ralph, of Spotsylvania, Va.; son, Andrew Keith and his wife, Grace, of Crawfordville, Fla.; sister, Helen Koza of Verona, Wis.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late William J. Keith, Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Hampton Roads, 20 Koger Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, Va.

Calling hours are tonight,

Thursday, March 31 from 7 to 9

at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral

Home, 390 N. Main St.,

Andover.

A graveside service will be

held tomorrow, Friday, April 1,

at 11 a.m. at Spring Grove

Cemetery in Andover.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1905

A child's rubber, size 4 for the right foot, is waiting in the post office for its young owner.

The street lighting committee would consider it a favor, if the citizens of the town would report to them all lights found not burning during lighting hours.

Andover Association Football Club will play Methuen at Glen Forest next Saturday in the first of a series of games for medals.

Box 24 was pulled at 2:30 this afternoon, for a brush fire on the Plains in Ballardvale.

Grand Grange rummage sale in the near future. Watch for it.

The quarterly meeting of the Andover YPSCE Union will be held with the Free Church Society next Friday evening.

The weather record for this week rang in an average of 28 to 60 degrees from the morning to the afternoon. These numbers are lower than the previous year.

The pupils of Miss L. G. Merrill gave a piano recital at the November Club house on Wednesday afternoon, which was attended by many relatives and friends of the pupils.

A large touring car was stalled in the Square on Monday evening while a damaged tire was replaced with a new one.

The Women's Relief Corps will hold their May breakfast this year, on Saturday, April 29. The ladies will soon be around for contributions to the breakfast and hope to receive as warm and hearty support from the people as in other years.

The last session of the Thursday evening dressmaking department of the Girls Club of the Guild will be held on April 27.

75 Years Ago - 1930

The next meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans will be held Thursday, April 10 in the GAR Hall at 7:30.

The number of books issued for home use at Memorial Hall Library during March was 5,916.

The junior class of Punchard High School will sponsor a "Radio Dansant" this evening in the auditorium.

The Andover Square and Compass Glee Club sang two anthems, *Let Their Celestial*

Concerts All Unite by Handel, and *Ave Maria* by Arcadelt at the Sunday morning service of the Calvary Baptist Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Church will hold a Scotch supper and entertainment at the vestry April 11. Supper will be served from 6:30 to 8 and the menu will consist of chicken pie, peas, mashed potatoes, coffee, homemade rolls and dessert. Tickets are 50 cents each, and will include dinner and entertainment.

The Cross Coal Co. has been awarded the contract for the school coal for the coming year and will supply 685 tons of soft coal at \$6.45 a ton and 36 tons of egg coal at \$13.90 a ton.

Thursday morning, engineers, laborers and the steam shovel again took possession of Elm Square and preparations were begun by the contractors, J.P. McCabe of Boston, to reconstruct Elm Square and resurface it with reinforced concrete.

An exploding still is believed to have caused the fire that completely ruined Frank Morin's barn on North Street, shortly before 3 Wednesday morning. Two horses perished in the fire and 16 cows were led to safety. Dairy men and dealers as well as consumers are now buying and selling cream on the basis of grade, according to a recent law passed by the General Court. The State Department of Health provides inspection to ensure that all cream is thus graded.

Two hundred persons, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Clan Johnston, and their guests the Clansmen, witnessed the installation ceremonies held in Fraternal Hall last evening. Each of the new officers receives a bouquet of sweet peas. A program of music and dancing was given by Devan's Orchestra of Lawrence.

50 Years Ago - 1955

The Senior Youth group of the Ballardvale churches completed their Lenten visitation series last Sunday night with a trip to Boston, where they attended the Greek Orthodox vesper service.

The monthly meeting of the Ballardvale Parent Teacher Association was held in the Bradlee School last Thursday evening with the president, Mrs. Henry Wigley, presiding. Mrs.

Robert MacMackin gave a report on the sale of Easter candy and Mrs. Robert Auchterlony reported that a bakery sale and card party would be held later in the month.

All those having lilies to donate for Easter are asked to have them at the Union Congregational Church early Saturday afternoon.

The palms in the church on Sunday were given by Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Buckley and family in memory of loved ones.

The Junior Youth group of the Ballardvale churches visited the Tewksbury State Hospital Palm Sunday afternoon. They delivered 20 Easter baskets, which they had made, to the children's section of the hospital. The baskets were handmade of construction paper and ribbon, and were filled with candies and cookies.

Girls in Troop 88 were cast for parts in a production of "The Twelve Princesses" at their recent meeting. The Court of Honor was responsible for casting.

Abbot Academy boarding students will return from their spring vacation April 5 and classes for both boarding and day scholars will resume next week. This Saturday there will be a tea dance for the preparatory and junior classes.

The rummage and bakery committee of the Friendly Guild extends thanks to all who helped in any way with the rummage and bakery sale last Thursday.

The results of bowling March 30 in the Val-E-Roll league were as follows: Atoms 3, Jets 1, Flying Saucers 3, Migs 0, Rockets 4, Meteors 0, Comets 4, Bombardiers 0.

The regular meeting of the Brownies was held March 30 in the Scout room with the leader, and games were played. The birthday of the organization will be held Wednesday, April 13, when the parents will be guests.

A new Bible study group will meet for the first time in the Union Congregational Church vestry Friday night at 8.

25 Years Ago - 1980

Wang Laboratories, the Merrimack Valley-based computer firm, has opted for a larger parcel of Andover industrial land with fewer encumbrances, for future development. They now

have the option for 130 acres of property in the Andover Tech Park, across Route 93 from the GCA building under construction.

The School Committee settled on an overall budget for 1980-81 of \$13,010,000, or an 8.08 percent increase over this year's appropriations. The new total still included new maintenance, accounting positions, and a new youth adviser.

"A Welcome To Spring" will be the theme of the spring luncheon and card party to be sponsored by the Greater Lawrence Chapter of Friends of the New England Home for Little Wanderers on Thursday April 17, at the November Club.

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chestnut Court Recreation Hall. Members will conduct a plant auction. Guests are welcome.

Charlotte Baker, well known model and TV personality, will present "How To Make the Most of Yourself" at the Andover-North Andover Newcomers' Continental Breakfast to be held at the November Club on April 8.

La Leche League of Andover will hold its last in a series of four monthly meetings on Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m. An informal discussion on Nutrition and Weaning will be presented by League Leader Maureen Lyons. All interested mothers and babies are welcome.

On Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 students from Andover High School A Capella Choir, Madrigal Singers, Barbershop Quartet and The Chantrelles will join forces to present to the Andover community a "Spring Cabaret." The cabaret atmosphere will prevail as guests are seated at card tables and will be served dessert, coffee and tonic while they are entertained by many talented young people from the choirs at the high school. A popular event in past years, this is an occasion for all members of the family to enjoy.

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— Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Caroline Whalen

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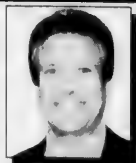
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Business

BRIEFS

Dewhirst recertified

Richard C. Dewhirst, of Methuen, has recently qualified for recertification of the designation of certified funeral service practitioner, by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

A number of professions grant special recognition to members upon completion of specified academic and professional programs and "CFSP" is funeral service's national individual recognition. The Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice's goals include encouraging practitioners to make continuing education a life-long process in their own self-interest, the interest of the families they serve, and the community in which they serve.

To initially receive this award, the practitioner must complete a 180-hour program of continuing-education activities and events. In addition, the practitioner is required to accumulate 20 hours per year to recertify. Credits are awarded by the Academy "for work leading to personal and/or professional growth in four areas: academic activities, professional activities, career review, and community and civic activities."



Richard Dewhirst

O'Toole on board for hospice

HealthCare Dimensions Hospice, a non-profit provider of hospice care and a subsidiary of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, has appointed Andover resident Larry O'Toole to its board of directors.

O'Toole is the founder, president and CEO of Gentle Giant Moving Company, based in Somerville. He was named the 2004 Massachusetts Small Business Person of the Year and the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Business Person of the Year, in addition to being first runner-up for the US Small Business Administration's 2004 national award.

Under O'Toole's guidance, Gentle Giant Moving Company has grown its revenue from \$12.3 million in 2000 to \$20 million in 2004, and has been recognized as:

- one of the *Boston Business Journal's* 50 Best Places to Work in Massachusetts for 2004;
- 2002 and 2003 winner of the Better Business Bureau's Local Torch Award for Excellence;
- 2002 winner of The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year Award;
- five-time winner of *Boston Magazine's* "Best of Boston" and inductee into its Hall of Fame; and
- six-time winner of *The Improper Bostonian's* "Boston's Best Moving Company" Award.

"Larry O'Toole is a wonderful addition to our Board of Directors," said Ellen Leiter, HCDH executive director. "Not only does he understand the value of hospice in the lives of terminally ill patients, but the compassion and care that have made Gentle Giant Moving Company so successful are the same qualities that we provide to our patients and their loved ones every day."

HealthCare Dimensions Hospice, a subsidiary of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, provides medical, emotional, spiritual, volunteer, and bereavement support services to terminally ill patients and their families in the Greater Boston area. For more, visit www.hcdhospice.org.

Sclafani new Pathways activity assistant at Marland

Cindy Sclafani has joined the Pathways Program team as an activity assistant at Marland Place, Andover's premiere independent and assisted living community located at 15 Stevens St.

The community, a historic preservation of the Marland Mill, has 127 private apartments, and 24 of those apartments are specifically for residents with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. This Pathways Program "enhances the quality of life for individuals with a memory impairment," according to Marland.

Sclafani, a resident of Salem N.H., has some 25 years experience in the medical field and finds working with the memory impaired very fulfilling and rewarding, she said in a release.

"Cindy is so refreshing and happy that she is like a bouquet of tulips walking through the door," said Kathy Donahue, resident care supervisor.

Furniture with a past

Savoir Faire Home offers unusual home goods with histories

By Rita Savard

An armoire used during the French Revolution can be more than an unusual piece of furniture holding clothes – it can be an interesting conversation piece holding a good story.

At Savoir Faire Home, 23 Barnard St., new store owners Sandra Shaheen and Lisa Duffy say every item in their selection of European furniture and French accessories tells a tale of the past. They believe the variety of items they have brought back from Paris – the "city with 100 villages" – has enabled them to place their own stamp on home fashions. Savoir Faire's grand opening is today, Thursday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Andover entrepreneurs say they braved frigid, winter temperatures, hiking through snow-covered Parisian streets and exploring markets along the French countryside, to find their store's one-of-a-kind items.

"The people who sell these unique items are very proud of them. There's a story behind each piece we bring in," says Shaheen. "And our rule of thumb is, if we wouldn't put an item in our own homes, then we're certainly not



From left, Sandra Shaheen and Lisa Duffy, owners of Savoir Faire Home, a furniture and home accessories store with an emphasis on unusual and often French items.

going to sell it here."

The end result is a world bazaar of both vintage and modern furniture and accessories.

The store design itself is unusual. An old barn door salvaged from an early 1900s Massachusetts farm, an angled bay window that once brought character to a Victorian home, and hand-painted sideboards that have been around since Napoleon Bonaparte battled at Waterloo, stand in place of walls to give Savoir Faire the appearance of several rooms spilling together inside of one.

Within these spaces, Shaheen and Duffy have pulled together an assortment of home fashions with a French flavor.

A hand-painted antique Brazilian sideboard (\$3,560), drinking glasses imported from France (\$9), Amber-scented French furniture wax (\$38), and an Irish settle bench (\$2,420), are part of the two women's eclectic medley. The visual riot of colors, textures and combinations showcasing new and classic decor may be an overload for some, but the designing duo is quick to offer creative

advice for warding off potential decorating disasters.

"We're happy to get into houses and help guide people," says Duffy. "A lot of items people look at seem nice, but then they're not quite sure how to make them fit into their home."

After stepping foot inside Duffy's home, Shaheen was awestruck at what she saw.

"The stuff she had in her house just blew me away," Shaheen remembers.

Items such as a rustic English ladder strewn with antique linens in Duffy's bathroom, or a vintage wine barrel from a French chateau in her dining room, not only transformed the rooms' looks, says Shaheen, but also their feel.

Also the owner of Les Fleurs florist shop on North Main Street, Shaheen believed there would be a market for such rare and beautiful pieces in Andover.

Duffy, who has a background in marketing, including a longtime position as the vice president of marketing for Columbo Yogurt, says that while anyone can find a furniture store, or a store that sells

home goods, "no one is really pulling it all together."

"And our whole store is devoted to rare finds, things that you just won't see in any other store around Andover – or in this country for that matter," says Duffy.

The designers are available to make house calls and provide a free one-hour, in-home consultation. Shaheen and Duffy will also allow shoppers to "try and buy" bigger pieces.

"Sometimes it's good to see how the piece will actually look inside the room," says Duffy. "If someone doesn't like it, then they don't have to be stuck with it."

Because both women believe furniture can also be artwork, they have commissioned the skills of a local artist, who is available to paint any item at a customer's request.

New items at Savoir Faire, such as antique French snail baskets, beehives and Dutch butter stamps, arrive each week.

Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 978-409-6188.



This wine barrel and hat box are representative of some of the items for sale at Savoir Faire Home on Barnard Street.

Footbridge Co. growth can't be ignored

The Footbridge Companies, an engineering and IT staffing firm at One Tech Drive, recently ranked third in a *Boston Business Journal* listing of the area's "100 Fastest-Growing Private Companies."

This recognition was based on the company's financial performance from 2002 through 2004. In addition, Footbridge also placed first for its one-year revenue gain from 2003 through 2004, where it realized 136-percent growth.

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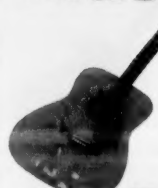
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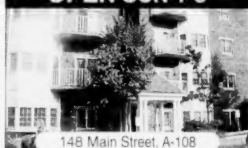
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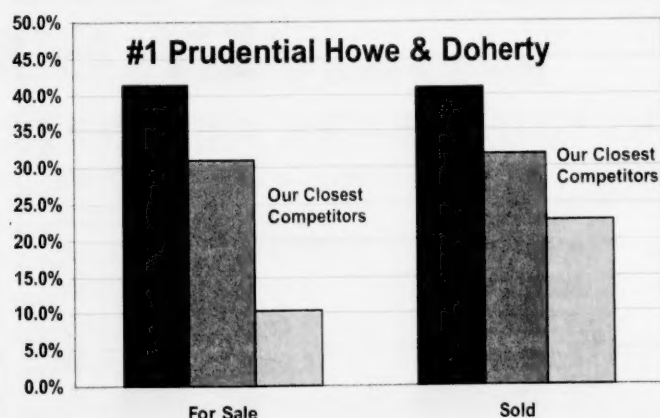
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New ideas in checkout are just a small part of the trends being watched – and implemented – by those at what used to be known as one of the quietest places in town.

CHANGES INSIDE THE BOOK HAVEN

Enter Memorial Hall Library and just listen. The cold silence once typically associated with libraries has been broken. Throughout most of Memorial Hall Library, people speak in normal tones. Only the third floor is designated for quiet reading and research.

The sound is just one indication that things have changed. Library services also go well beyond stocking books today.

Circulation numbers from 2004 show 319,407 items – not including children's room books – were borrowed from the library. Print material checkouts made up only about 57 percent of the checkout total. In 1998, just six years earlier, print-material use nearly tripled the amount of non-print items borrowed by adults.

But while books now account for less than 60 percent of the library's loans, what has not changed is the purpose of the library.

"The mission of the library has always been to bring information to people," said Sutton.

Now, he says, that same mission is being fulfilled in new ways.

The change has to do with the way the library is providing information and resources to the community.

The library has 220,447 books, 15,821 CDs, 7,349 video



Sisters Karla and Nancy Chavez use a computer at Memorial Hall Library for research.

tapes and DVDs, 2,380 periodicals, 599 CD-ROMs and 238 miscellaneous items.

There are more than 30 computers, and e-books and books-on-tape can be downloaded onto MP3 players.

Sutton and others at the library, don't see this as a sign that books are being phased out, just that there are other ways for people to seek information.

And much more is being offered at the library. There is a

teen room that Sutton said doubles as a type of youth center with clubs and activities, and several activities for younger children are held on a regular basis just one floor below. Sutton said special guests are invited to entertain and educate adults.

More than 4,000 people are kept informed of all the library happenings through monthly e-mail updates. These also tell library-card holders about new services and equipment at the library.

ONLINE OPTIONS

Online activity has become increasingly popular. Over the past year, the library's Web site has expanded, and it is much

more than an online card catalog. There are 480 Web pages and a search engine to help people find a variety of local activities, events and establishments.

Of course, card holders can browse through book titles online. There is even a way to reserve materials or check them out for a longer stay.

"We see technology as a tool to get at traditional resources," said Beth Kerrigan, coordinator of children's services.

For instance, the library receives 150 "hold" notices per day, from people who want to reserve resources. Only two or three of these requests are actually hand-written. The overwhelming majority are done electronically.

"In the age of digital information, it's important we provide a lot of information online," said Sutton. "People don't always have time to go to the library."

Dean Baumeister is the brain behind the library's Web site. He said the design is inviting and the format is user friendly. Looking for a chess club? He types the words into the search engine. Information about a number of chess clubs appears, all relevant to the area. It's a great way to find the local answers people are looking for, said Baumeister.

"No one else is really doing that. We see ourselves as the source of that," said Kerrigan. "We've taken a leadership role."

According to Baumeister, on average, 1,187 people visit the library's Web site per day. The average visitor views more than four pages and stays with the site for about 12 minutes.

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